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Konichiwa Otakans!

Welcome to the new issue of Otaku Asia Anime Magazine. We are so sorry about it being late Monobear locked us up in a despair school and we've only just got out.

But dont worry no one died (except for a bit of blood loss which you can see at the front cover).

We have for you 3 of the hottest events coverage from: Otaku Expo 3, Rampage 2013, and Fantasy Quest 3.

Rampage 2013: includes coverage of their cosplay event and its winners and Fantasy quest will show you exclusive photos of the guest cosplayer Usagi.

This issue tackles an interesting part of the Otaku Culture games.

We promise there is an article for everyone here, from the tabletop gamer to the casual gamer to the anime lover and even the hardcore gamer.

So enjoy this months issue and bring out the Otaku in you!

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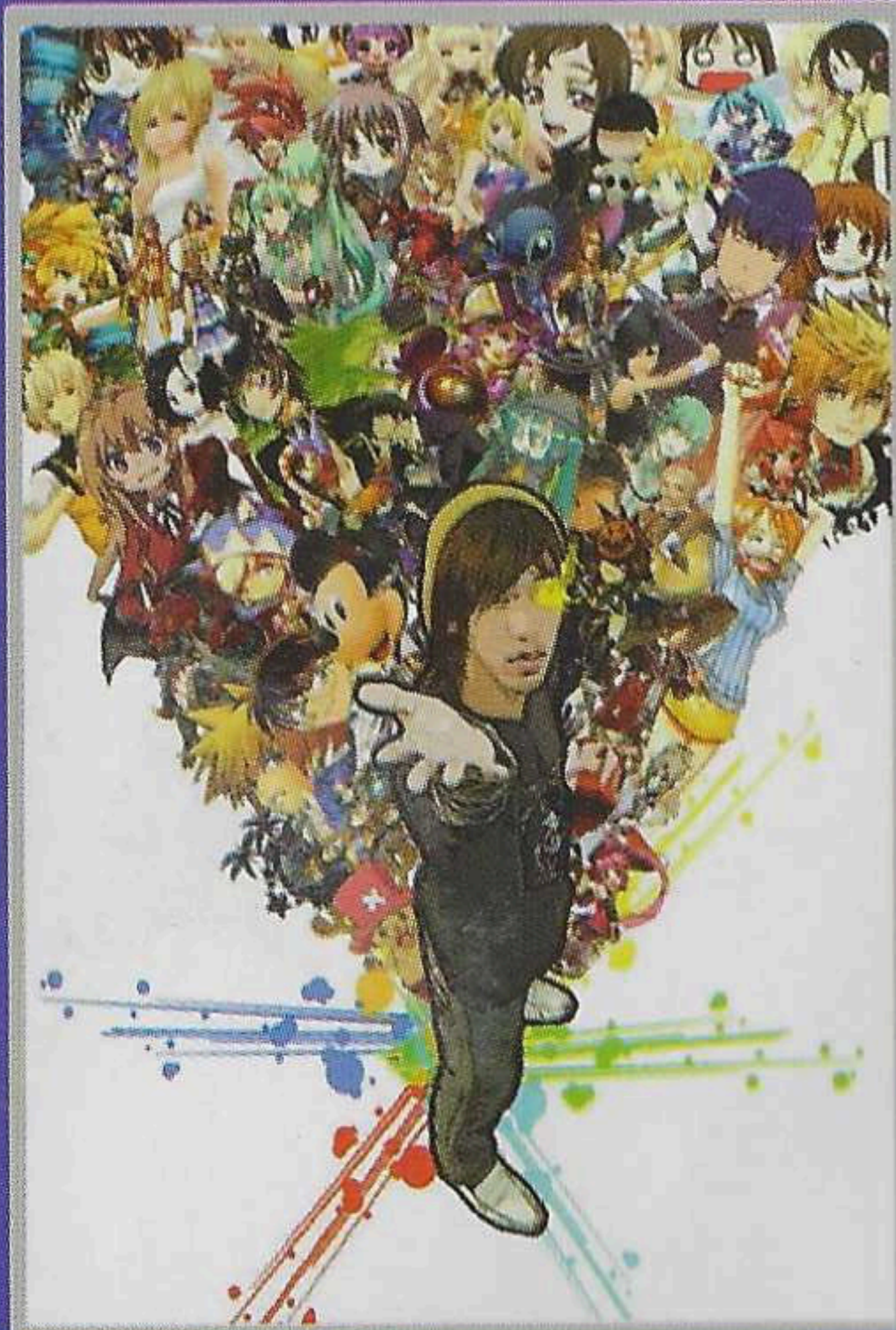


HELLO heres my message.. (hope to be publish on SEPTEMBER issue)

First, I want to greet all the members and staffs of URULE family. And the members of OTAKU.guild family..

MORE POWER OTAKU ASIA !

GODBLESS!
—yoH.



by Babz Mucho

Love this new magazine.. unfortunately, OA#3 Ing nabili ko pero super like ko talaga ang free poster na Shingeki no Kyojin..

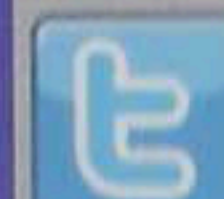
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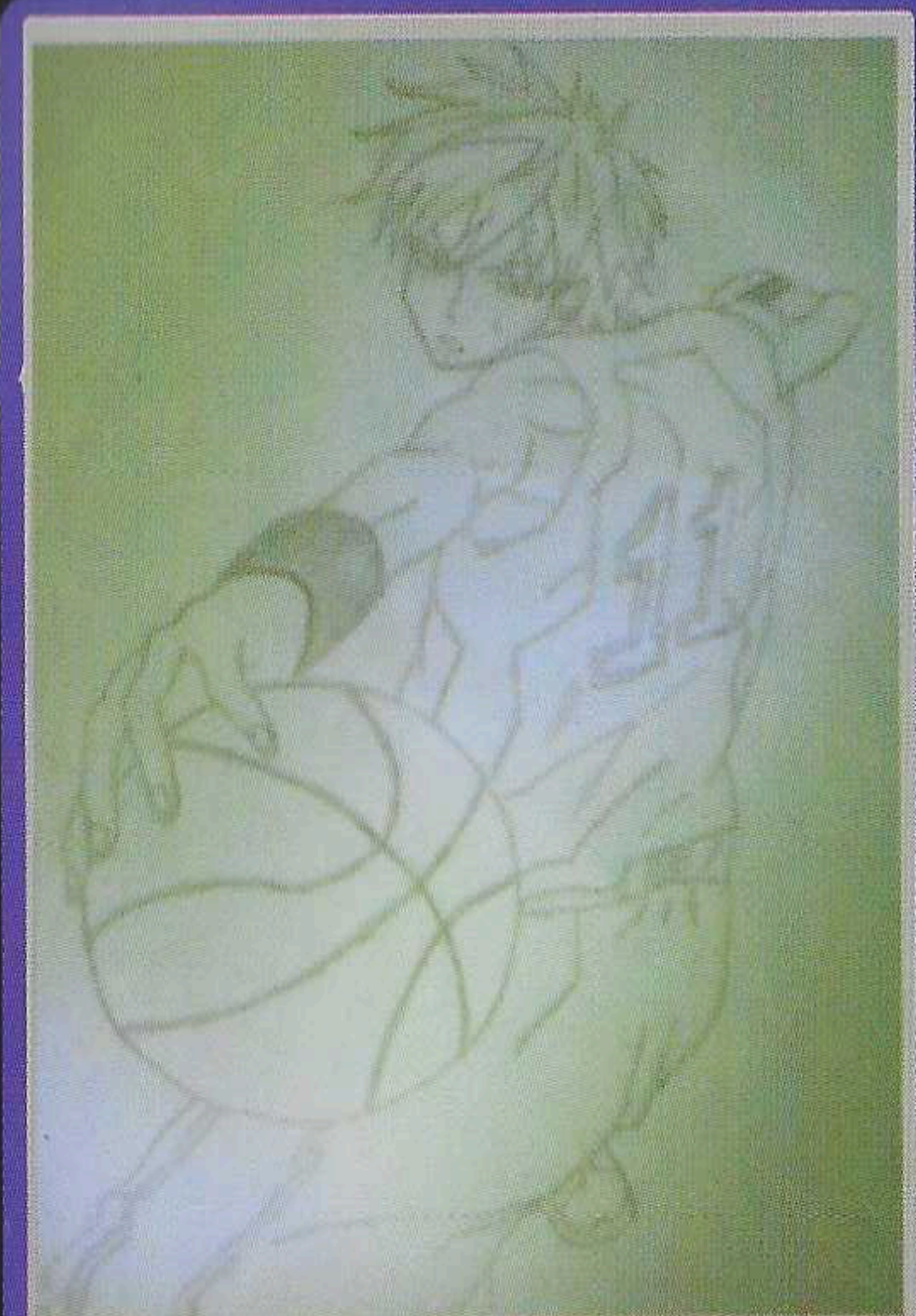
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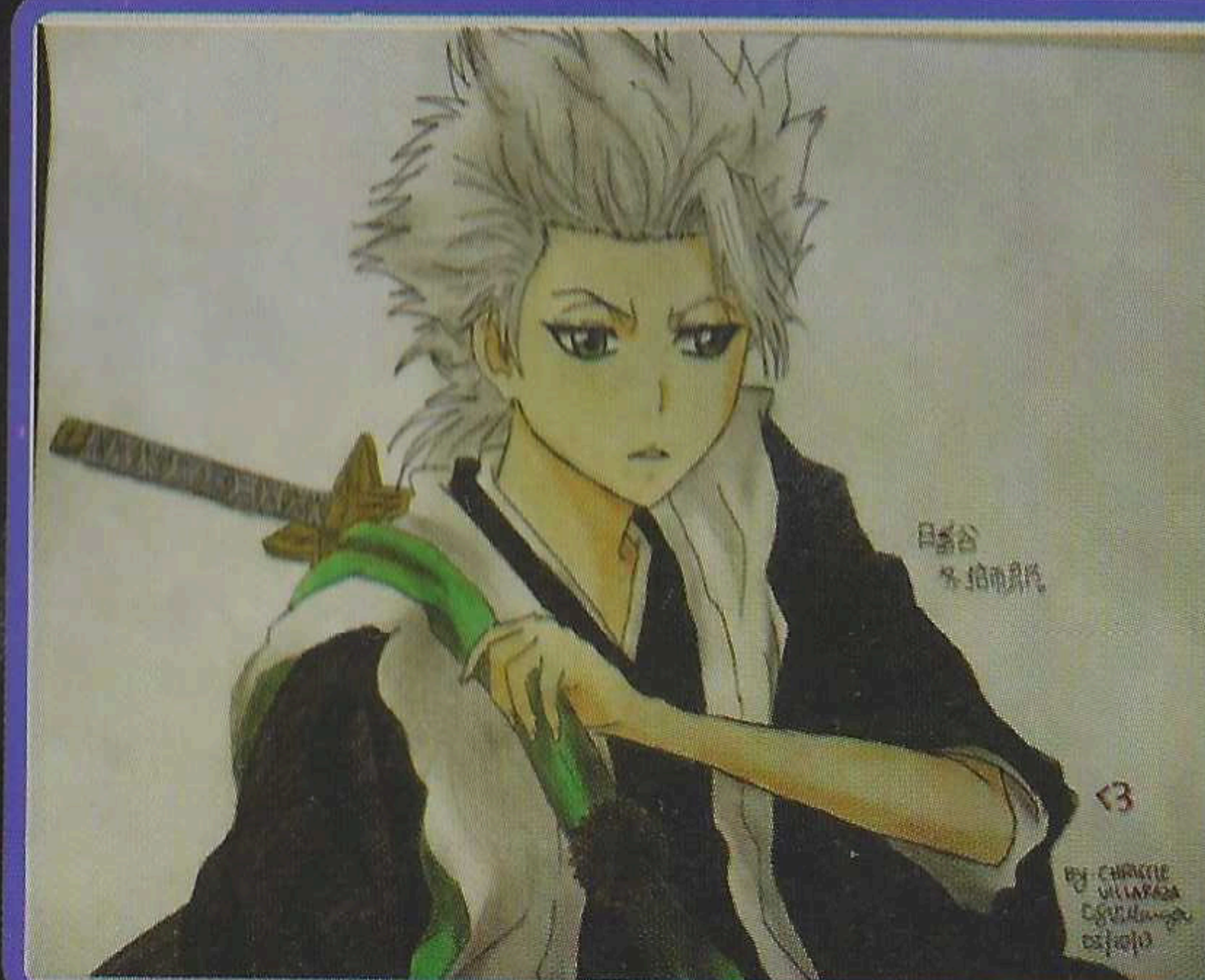


by Mary Ann Tabornal



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DISGAEA D2

A Brighter Darkness

Another breath-taking adventure awaits the Disgaea series fans as their favourite characters Laharl, Etna and Flonne are back with fresh adventures in the new game sequel, Disgaea D2.

Disgaea D2: A Brighter Darkness, also known as Disgaea Dimension 2, is a strategy role playing video game developed by Nippon Ichi Software for PlayStation 3 and was released in Japan on March 20, 2013. This is a sequel to the 2003's PlayStation 2 game Disgaea: Hour of Darkness.

The game will still revolve around Laharl, now a full-fledged Overlord and together with Etna and Flonne, they will start another adventure to receive some respect from the people of Netherworld. Along the way, he will meet his sister, Sicily that will surely bring another flavour to the story.

Some system refinements are offered in this new edition of the game. Now, the game allows you to make your own character like you can give your character its own personality. Plus, improved master/ student- system is present in the game which enables new attack combinations and more skills to be learned. Also, a new Overlord castle will be used as the new and more explorable hubworld for the characters.

The Disgaea D2 Limited Edition box includes Disgaea D2 for PS3, full-colour hardcover art book, 2 disc original soundtrack with jewel case, collectors box and two bonus items (2 petite figures of Etna and Flonne and 5 collectors Art cards). Disgaea D2 will be released in Europe on September 27, in North America on October 8 and soon here in the Philippines.

So if you want some hard-core and over-the-top gameplay, give Disgaea D2 a try!

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WORLD COSPLAY SUMMIT 2013



The World Cosplay Summit began in the year 2003 in Nagoya, Japan. The aim of this event is to highlight the popularity of Japanese anime and manga through cosplay. For the first time in the 11 years of World Cosplay Summit, Philippines has been selected to be an Observer Nation.

Our country's pride: Erika Gerbain and John Vincent Estapon represented Philippines and competed in the last World Cosplay Summit Championship held at the Oasis 21 in Nagoya, Japan last August 3, 2013. 20 countries joined and competed for it. Each team was given two minutes and 30 seconds to perform onstage and it must be based on Japanese manga, anime or video games. Each judge will grade their performance with 10 points, costume with 15 points and their respect to the original story with 5 points which is a total of 30 points. Added to that, people could also vote online through Nico Nico Video.

Team Italy's Massimo and Andrea who cosplayed the series Mazinkaiser had won the Championship and the Nico Nico popular votes. Team USA's Tiffany and Cassandra won 2nd Place and the Brother award for having the best costume. They cosplayed as Alice and Vivaldi Queen of Hearts from the series Alice the Country of Hearts. Team Thailand's Chittaworn and Pongwat won 3rd Place. They cosplayed as Raiden and Monsoon from the series Metal Gear Rising: Revengeance.

Aside from the Nico Nico Popular Votes and Brother award, other Special Awards were also given. Team Japan's Mariko and Fran had won the Cyperous Award, for having the best wig among all cosplayers. They cosplayed as Dracula and Alucard from the series Castlevania: Symphony of the Night. Team China's Chen and Wang had won the Joyous award, for having the best sound effects during the performance. They cosplayed the series Monster Hunter 3G. Team Korea's Hong and Park won the AniStar Award, for having the best performance onstage. They cosplayed as Zero and Copy X from Rockman Zero.

All of the participants were awesome. They really put effort with their costumes and props and their stage performances were fantastic. However, there can be only one winner in each category. We congratulate all the winners in this year's World Cosplay Summit 2013!

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GAMES REVITALIZED

by: LIZAF 3.0

What is this about "Otaku Asia's Gamer Issue?"

Don't we all just love games? They're immensely multifunctional and they saved our lives countless times. Imagine, if boredom could kill, we would have been dead a long time ago. But games ruthlessly killed the concept of boredom for our sake. Games also saved us from all those awkward moments we had with people whom we had no intentions to interact with. Games served as a form of escape when we were at the rock bottom of our lives. Up to now, they still play a number of significant roles in our lives, which is also the reason why it's difficult to explain to non-gamers that,

"we don't die, we have multiple lives, because we are gamers."

Otaku Asia Anime Magazine brings you the gamer issue this September, a good read that will definitely ignite and revive the gamer within each of us. The team made a tribute for different branches of the gaming industry to cater to readers with different inclinations toward gaming. Special features include **Indie Horror Games** that will awaken our jaded veins and make us reconsider shifting from the mainstream horror games to the indie ones. An innovation called the "**Machinima**" brings animation to life with the use of video games, a unique feature that sent millions of web users to praise and bow to such creativity in gaming. In this issue, you can also find a list of **MMORPG's** and **RPG's** available in the Philippines, and a list of excellent games with anime counterparts and vice versa. To top it off, we are honored to feature **Rampage 2013**, an event for all the gamers to unite. **All these and more in the revitalizing gamer issue of Otaku Asia Anime Magazine!**

The gaming platforms we have, old or new, will never go to waste because of the continuous expansion of the gaming world. Game developers and publishers deserve recognitions like this for their hard work, so let's all play a part in recognizing excellent games.



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Requested by Yoh Kun

Joining in a group has benefits; meeting new people and having yourself recognized as a part of it. Yet it does not mean that if you are together in a group, you are all the same. Each one has different attitudes, personalities and reasons but whenever a member is in trouble, all the members will help you with and surpass it together.

Enter Lucy Heartfilia, a 17 year old girl who dreams of joining Fairy Tail guild; a guild of wizards whose members are famous for their destructive antics. She met Natsu Dragneel, along with his pet, Happy who was searching for Natsu's father Igneel. Lucy is kidnapped, together with the other girls of the land of Fiora by the Salamander of the Fairy Tail. It later turns out that this Salamander is a fake and Natsu Dragneel is the real Salamander of Fairy Tail. After defeating the fake salamander, Natsu invites Lucy to come with him and join Fairy Tail.

Fairy Tail is an anime series written by Masashi Sogo and directed by Shinji Ishihara. It started airing last October 12, 2009; under A-1 Pictures and Satellite Studios.

This series will make your life full of action. At the same time, it is packed with comedy and fantasy that will make the series more fun to watch. Let's join their adventures as they travel and encounter new people in different places of magic!



The life that you've always wanted is peaceful and without conflicts. What if one day, you were given a power that will help the people around you but it involves fighting for the protection of the people around you? Will you use this power or not in order to have the ideal life you want?

This is the story of **Haruto Tokishima**, a high school student from Sakimori High School. He has a crush on his classmate, Shoko Sashinami. When he is about to confess his feelings to her, an attack from the **Dorssian Military Forces** occurs and hits the school grounds where Haruto and Shoko are located. Their aim is to get the **Valvrave**, a humanoid weapon for their own gain. As Haruto and his fellow schoolmates are evacuating from the place of the attack, Haruto sees Shoko going to a car stuck from the attack to help the people inside it. As she nears the car, the attack from the Dorssian Military Forces is directed to Shoko was and making the land wasted. After his fellow classmates predict that Shoko died, he decides to revenge her. He rides the Valvrave unit that suddenly had risen from the school grounds. The unit suddenly functions and its computer inside asks the pilot, "Do you resign as a human being?". Haruto answers yes, then the unit will inject an unknown substance to the pilot which gives him powers to control the Valvrave unit. Haruto answered yes and he was able to pilot the Valvrave unit smoothly and he was able to defeat the Dorssian Military Forces easily. The people are amazed with the fact that he was only a high school student but he was able to pilot the said unit. They congratulated him for defending them from the Dorssian Military Forces.

Kakumeiki Valvrave is an anime series directed by Ko Matsuo and written by Ichiro Okouchi. It was licensed by Aniplex of America and Crunchyroll. The series started airing its first episode last April 12, 2013 and ended last June 28, 2013, having a total of 12 episodes.

If you are looking for an anime that is mecha genre, then this anime is right for you. Aside from the action scenes, it is also packed with drama that will not make you bored but will make you engross with the anime. So, let's follow Haruto's story and his battle throughout the series!



Kakumeiki Valvrave

Requested by Roldan Oliveros

Kagerou Project

Requested by Migy Joson

Exploring new things on the internet and computer is fun but what if one day, you received a mysterious virus on your computer that you cannot delete and control at all, and it also happened that this virus can talk like a human person? How will you deal with it?

Shintaro Kisaragi is an 18-year old boy who is addicted to computers and the internet thus, hasn't left his room for two years already. One day, he spills his soda over his keyboard, causing it to malfunction. He is then surprised when the cyber girl, Ene who has been living in his computer pops out of the screen. Because of his broken keyboard and with no delivery because of the ongoing Obon festival, he goes to the department store. Unfortunately, he, along with other people there is hostaged. The hostage taking is stopped by a group of people having mysterious eye powers and calling themselves "Mekakushi Dan"

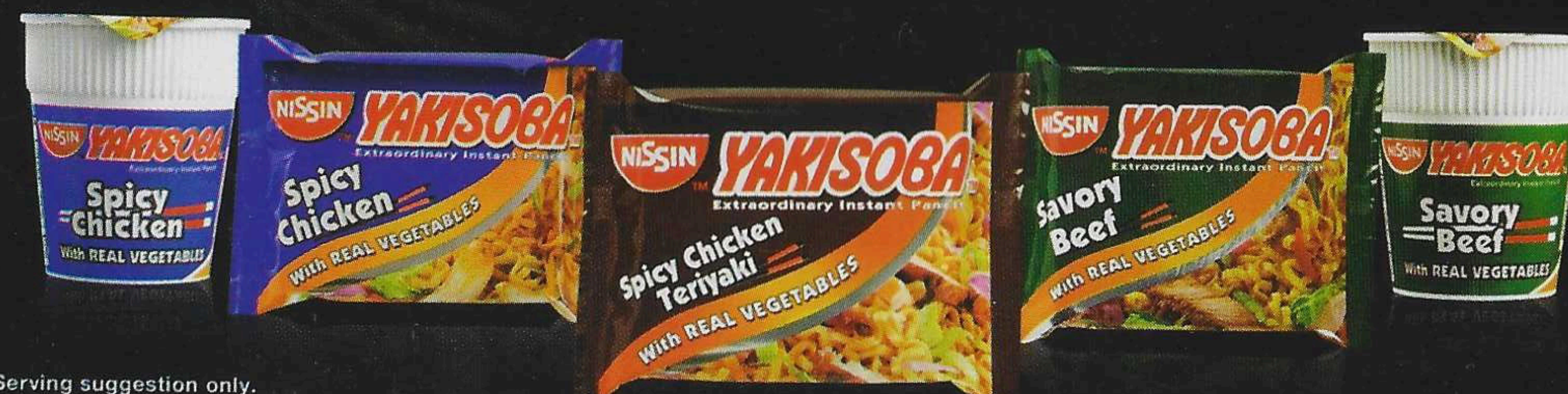
It turns out that Shintaro's sister, Momo Kisaragi is a member of this group and thus, all of the members force Shintaro to also join the group.

Kagerou Project is a Vocaloid manga series written by Jin which is also known as Shizen no Teki-P. Illustrated by Satou Mahiro and published by Media Factory. Its first chapter was released last August 28, 2012.

Vocaloid fans will surely love this manga. Aside from the fact that people have their own songs, it also includes action and comedy. Let's follow their story as they make our world full of music and supernatural events!

NISSIN YAKISOBA

Yaki-sobrang sarap!



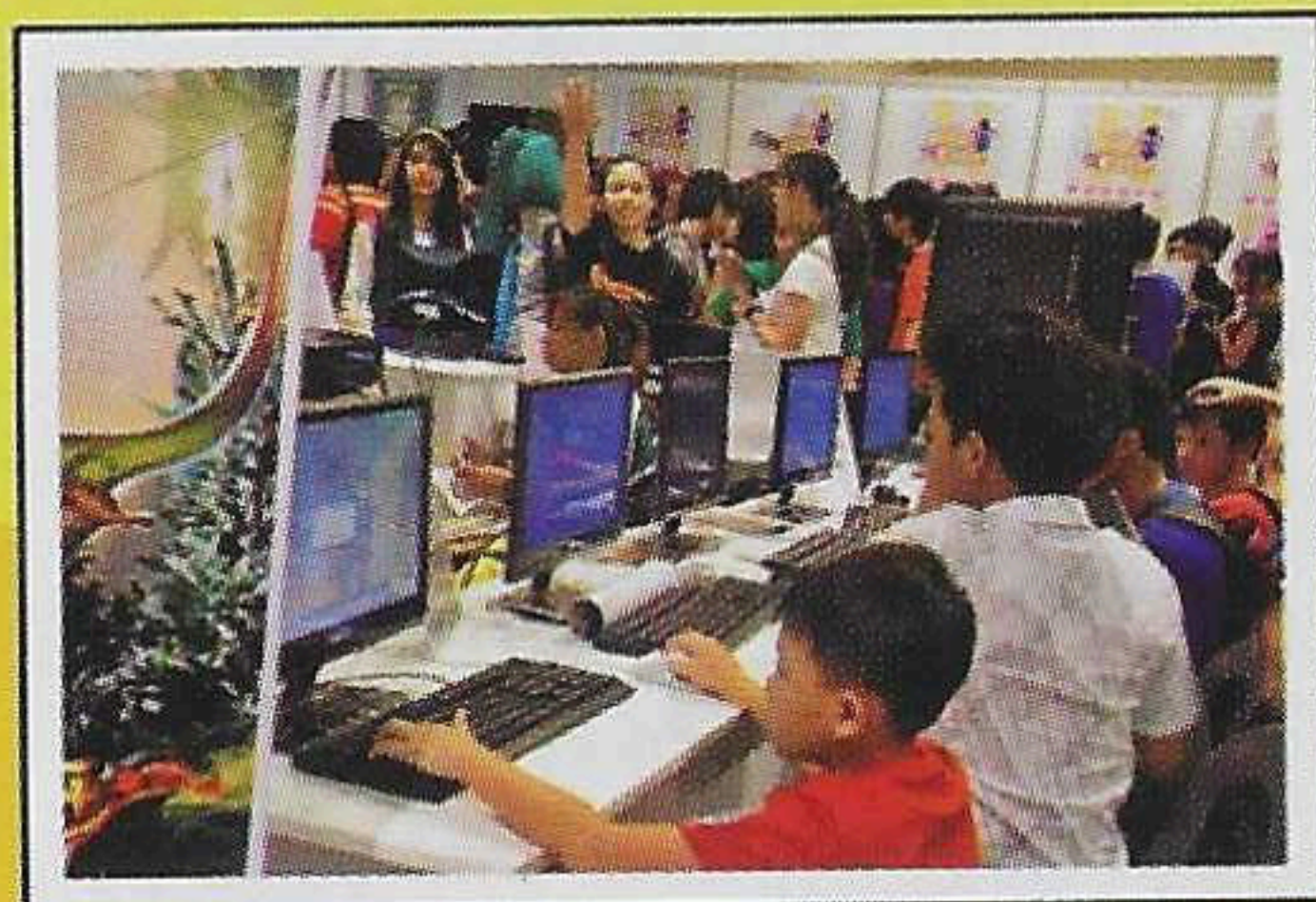
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オタク EXPO

Despite anime, manga, and games being something of a solo and introverted activity, otakus very much want and need to socialize, especially amongst themselves. So for not one, but two days, the Otaku Expo has held last August 17 and 18 at Megatrade Hall 3. And despite the weather, it was an event flooded with people.



The event was filled with booths dedicated for merchandise related to anime, manga, gaming, J-music, cosplay and Japanese culture in general; be it pins, cosplay paraphernalia, figures, or indie artwork. And if you're there for the sights, then you definitely won't be disappointed, because aside from the cosplayers, there were figures of different anime characters and Gundam model kits.



Gamers who wanted to try something new got their wish, as there were two games open for testing – Drakensang Online and Chaos Online. Drakensang is a top-down point-and-click browser MMORPG where you get to choose between three classes – the strong and tough Dragonknight, the arcane Spellweaver, and the nimble Ranger. Chaos Online, on the other hand is a multiplayer online battle arena, which in the same vein as League of Legends and DoTA 2, gives you a wide selection of 85 heroes with different skills and roles to choose from and have you battle against the enemy team and destroy their base.



Congooers who get hungry didn't have to go far, for there was the Ozone Maid Café, which got pretty maids serving food and talking with the patrons over a meal. And if you prefer bishounen butlers serving you instead, then you can go down the Ozone Host Club instead.

With the event being called Otaku Expo, it's only fitting that the programs are suited for otakus to express their love for the fandom through different means. For the otakus gifted with golden voices and the knack for playing instruments, there was also the Karaoke Contest and the Battle of The Bands that gave them a chance to cover their favorite anime themes. And for those who've been watching tons of anime for the past years, it's time they had their knowledge tested with the trivias. And of course, an event would never be complete without a cosplay competition, so cosplayers portraying different characters from anime and manga, video games, and movies came together in one stage.



An event just wouldn't be complete without guests. And Otaku Expo's guests aren't just guests, but renowned international cosplayers – AzaMiyuko, former member of Spiral Cats, as well as Doll JJ and Yanbyull, returning to the Philippines for another meet-and-greet with their beloved fans. For the first day, AzaMiyukocosplayed as SaekoBusujima and Yanbyull as Saya Takagi, both from High School of the Dead. And on Day 2, AzaMiyukocosplayed as Mikasa Ackerman, Yanbyull as Sasha Brauss, and Doll JJ as Krista Renz from Attack on Titan, with them saying doing a mini-interview on-stage about how they decided to go back and why they have decided to cosplay the characters they have chosen. Aside from spending time with their fans, they promoted their cosplay photobook entitled D.A.Y.



All in all, Otaku Expo is definitely one good weekend filled with all things otaku. With so much happening all at once from left to right, everybody pretty much got a chance to find their place.



CON IN FOCUS

Written by James

RAMPAGE 2013

LEAGUE OF LEGENDS

Greetings, Summoner. Let me tell you a story when summoners such as yourself left the comfort of their computers and went to SMX last August 10 in order to gather and gain items, see other summoners dressed as champions, and watch their favorite teams battle it out on who will represent the country. It was so epic that it can only be known as...RAMPAGE!

With thousands of League of Legends players attending the event and the ticket being inclusive of freebies such as free LoL merchandise, Riot Graves, Freljord Ashe, and Assassin Master Yi skin as well as other free champions and a 7-day EXP boost, not to mention the many giveaways from Razer, Garena, and Cooler Master. It was definitely an event for summoners by summoners as well. And for those who wished to see the faces behind the game, there was GM Eliecosplaying as a female Infernal Mordekaiser and GGsphere who served as both host and commentator.



To kickstart things, Mayumi sang like an idol while in a Teemo-inspired costume, just before the much-awaited first stage match between Mineski.Razer (Mski.RAZER) and Manila Eagles (MLE). Mski.RAZER lineup was Shen for top lane, Ryze for mid, Udyr as jungler, and Vayne for bottom; while for MLE it was Rumble for top lane, Anivia on mid, Malphite as jungler, and Sona and Caitlyn for bottom. It was a fierce and fast-paced match that snowballed to MLE's advantage thanks to Sona and Caitlyn's aggressive offensive at the bottom, Malphite always helping out with the ganking, Anivia's excellent use of area-of-effect skills to provide blocking and crowd control, and good farming strategy such as regularly slaying the dragon. And while Mineski was able to hold their ground for a few good clashes, especially with Shen's Stand United, they were not able to keep up with the speed MLE was taking them and their turrets out, ending the game with Mineski surrendering.

Next up was Cosplay Clash, a cosplay competition exclusive for League of Legends characters. Judged by well-known cosplayer Marco Villaluz and Ralph Quiambao of CNPH, more than seventy cosplayers, who mostly portrayed their chosen champions (with the exception of one cosplayer who came as Baron Nashor), imitating not only their appearances but as well as their moves, with some of them even going as far as presenting shorts skits that involve battles with other cosplayers. While it may have been a competition for the cosplayers, it was a totally entertaining show that got the summoners laughing, cheering, and on the edge of their seats upon seeing their beloved champions in the flesh.



For the Cosplay Clash, the three winners were:

THIRD PLACE

Carina Dorothy Tan as Nurse Akali

SECOND PLACE

Krizdellngreso as Shyvana

FIRST PLACE

Rayland Luiz Duarte as Lissandra



And for that, I interviewed Lissandra, the most cold-hearted woman of the Freljord...who turns out to be a man. Summoners, I present to you Rayland Luiz Duarte, winner of the Rampage 2013 Cosplay Clash.

OA: How long have you been cosplaying?

RLD: Matagal na, since 2008. Mahilig ako sa cosplay kasi versatile ako.

OA: Where are you from?

RLD: Mandaue, Cebu

OA: How long have you been playing League of Legends?

RLD: Four months.

OA: Are you already playing ranked?

RLD: Level 29 pa lang ako, di ako gaano nakapaglaro kakaprepare.

OA: What role do you usually play?

RLD: AP mid or support bottom

OA: What made you choose Lissandra to cosplay?

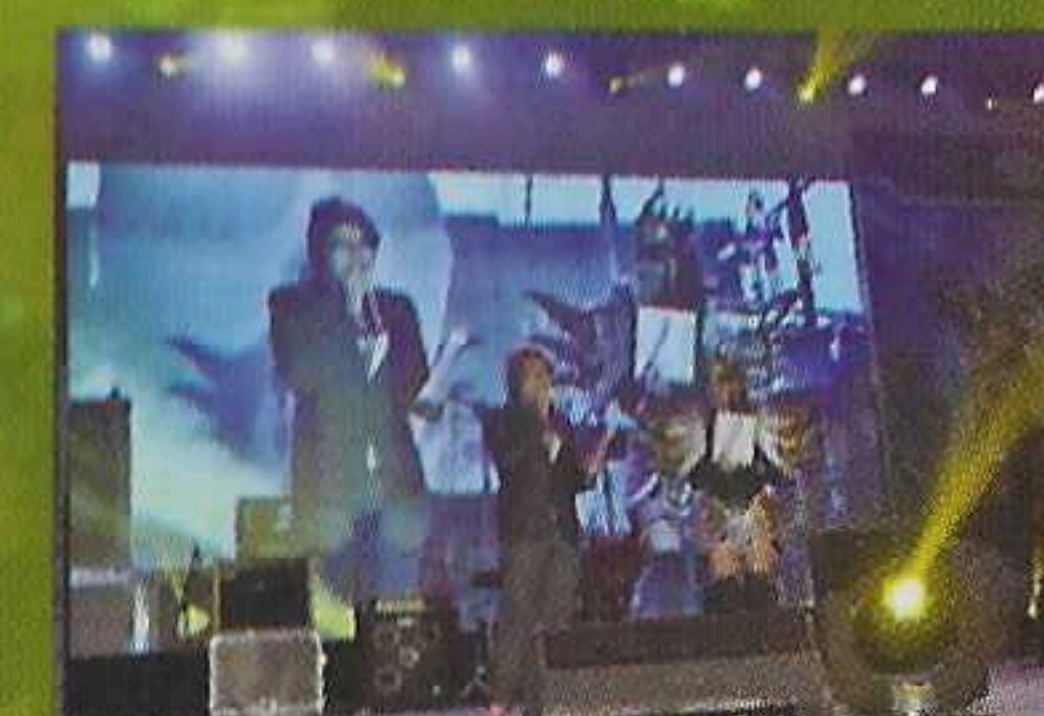
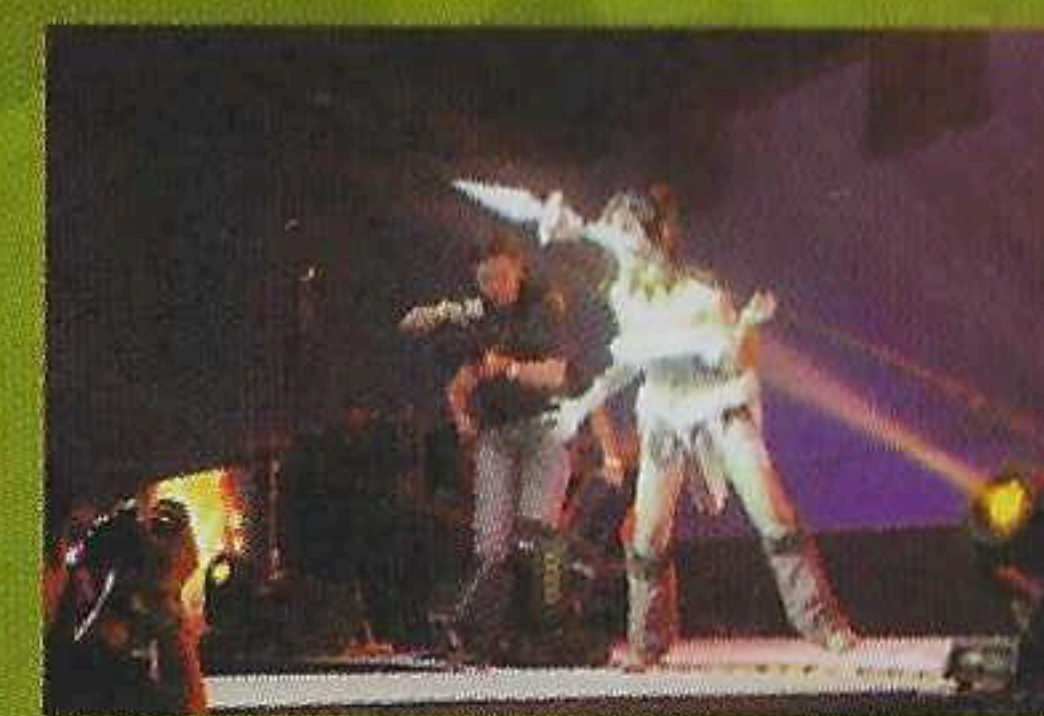
RLD: Mahilig kasi ako sa cosplays na-naka helmet, and wala pa kasing nagli-Lissandra.

OA: Is she your favorite LoL Champion?

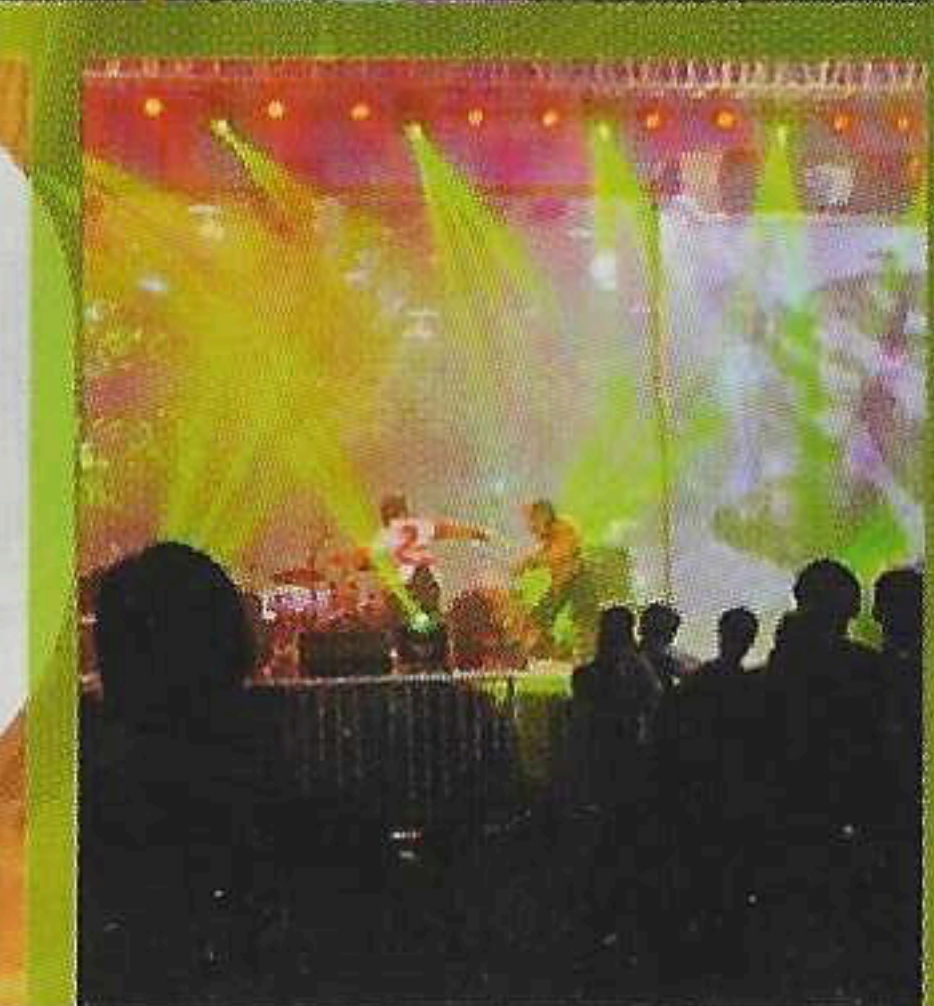
RLD: Yes

OA: Did you make your own costume?

RLD: Yes. Gumamit ako ng foam para sa helmet, and plywood para dun sa ice sa baba. I added wheels para makagalaw ako.

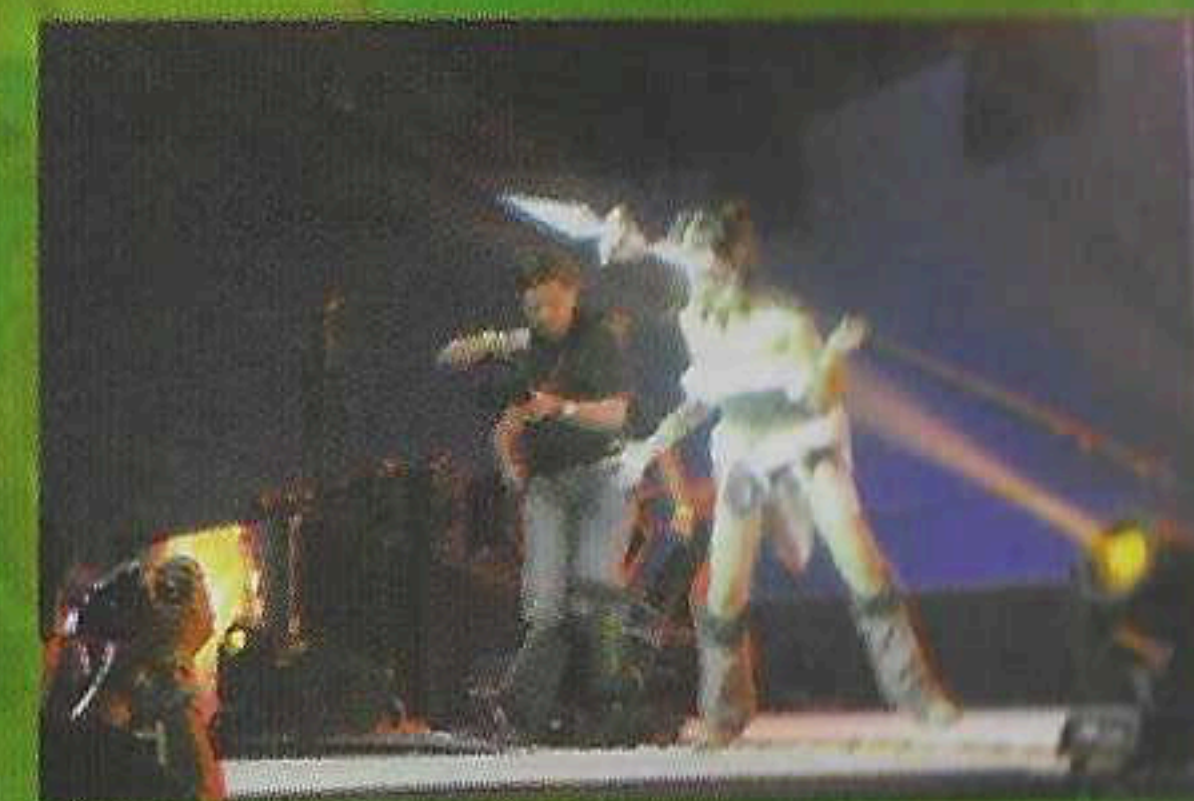
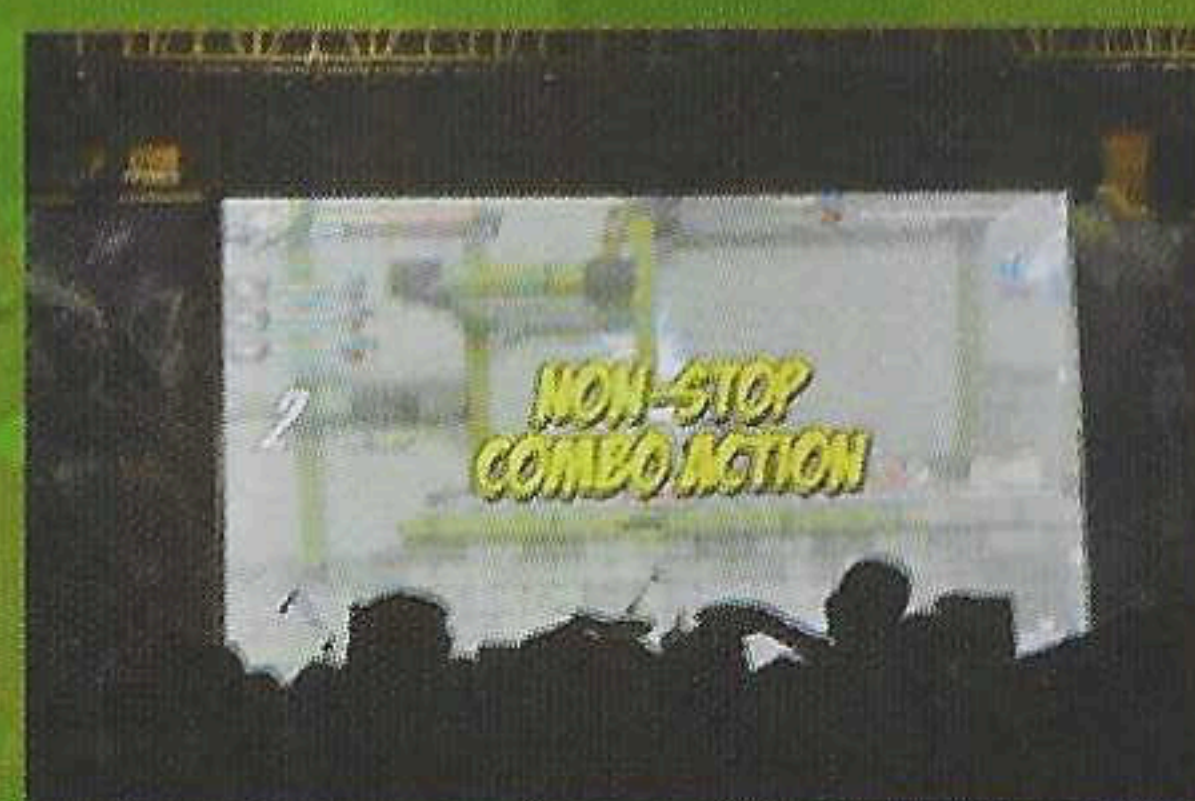


After the Cosplay Clash were a few skits involving champions having a clash (complete with a picture of Summoner's Rift map in the background), GGsphere and the lovely GMs giving away freebies, and another exciting stage match, this time between Evolution and MSI evoGT.

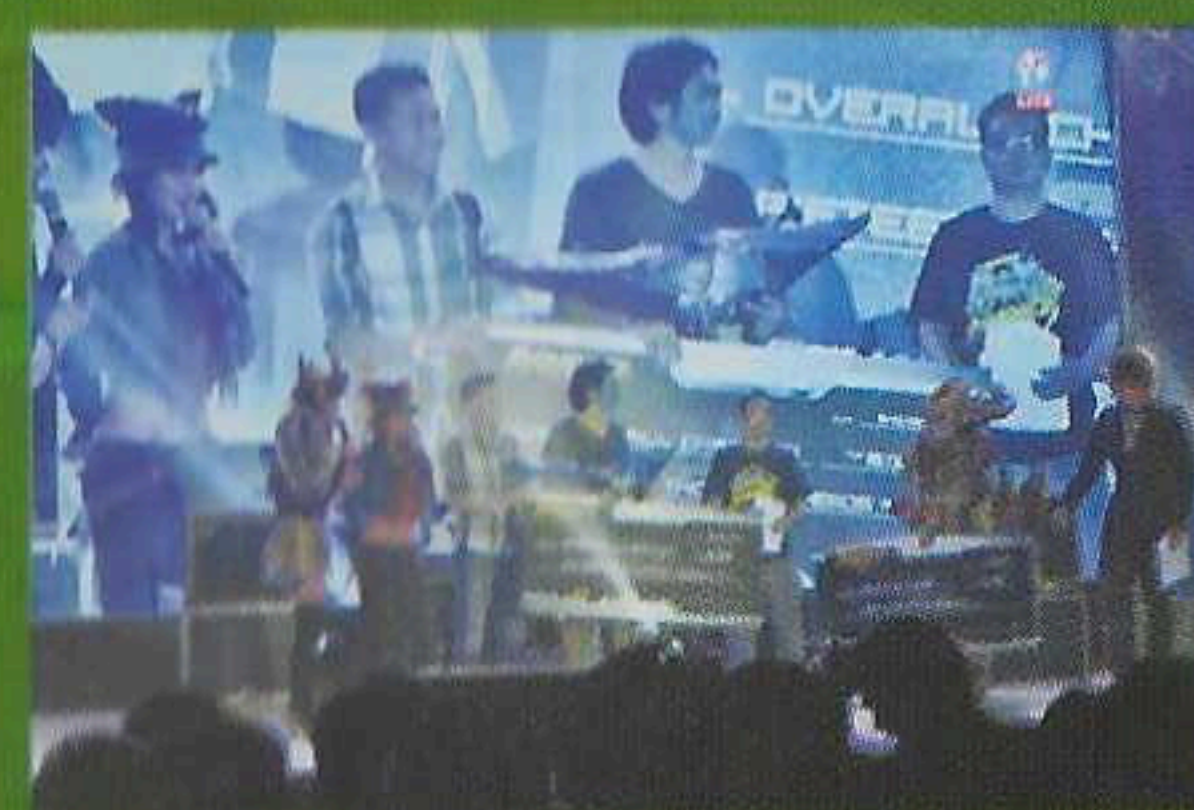


CON IN FOCUS

For the last game of the loser's bracket, it was Mineski.Razer versus MSlevoGT. For Mineski, they had Zac at top lane, Nocturne as jungler, Karthus taking mid, and Tristana and Thresh at bottom. MSlevoGT, on the other hand, went with a more defensive clash-based strategy, with area-of-effect AP champions such as Ryze and Anivia taking top and middle lanes respectively, Vi going for the jungle, and Sona and Caitlyn on the bottom. At first, it seemed like MSlevoGT got the upper hand with Sona and Caitlyn controlling the farm at the bottom, until Nocturne started ganking and initiating clashes. With Mineski winning clash after clash because of Nocturne and Zac's ability to start them with a surprise and their constant dragon kill-steals from MSlevoGT, they were able to gain more gold for better items, not to mention more time for pushing.



After the performances of symphonic metal band Elune and Smart giving away a whopping Samsung Galaxy S4 came the semi-finals – Mineski.Razervs MLE once again. It was a do-or-die match for the both of them this time, so the two teams brought forth their finest strategies. Mineski had Shen once again for the top lane, Lee Sin as their jungler, Diana for the middle, and Thresh and Ezreal at the bottom. MLE, on the other hand, had Morgana for top lane, Lux on the middle, Evelyn as jungler, and Varus and Nami at the bottom. Although MLE got the next kills because of the awfully painful Varus and Nami combo, Ezreal and Thresh were able to catch up thanks to Lee Sin's constant roaming and ganking. Not rushing to any clashes, Mineski focused on farming and raising their Magic Resistance. And despite the fact that MLE's champions could deal huge burst damage, they won clash after clash and pushed the middle lane up until the nexus.



Sadly, due to unforeseen circumstances, the final match which was supposed to be between Mineski.Razor and Exile was postponed at another venue to a later date. Nonetheless, with so much goodies and freebies given away, seeing their beloved GMs and champions in the flesh, and watching the exhilarating battles between the best players in the country live, summoners got to experience the League of Legends despite being offline.

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Platform Nintendo 3DS
Category RPG
Developer Game Freak
Publisher Nintendo The Pokemon Co.

Pokémon X and Y is set to hit the airwaves and conquer the world of every gamer as Nintendo and The Pokémon Company launch a new video game and a television series. The upcoming paired role-playing games are the first in the handheld main series of games to be fully focused in 3D-graphics. While the new anime series will feature the adventures of Ash Ketchum and his long time buddy, Pikachu, as they join the Kalos League at the Lumiose City of the Kalos Region.

Think you caught 'em all? Think again, because our favorite Pocket Monster series is coming back with more fun, more adventure, and definitely, more Pokémon!

PLAYER CHARACTERS

SERENA AND CALEM

Customized Character Creation

Game developers confirmed last June the customized character creation that is going to be introduced in Pokémon X and Y.

This feature will allow the player to choose their character's clothes, accessories and even hair and skin color—making this game a more personalized adventure to every player.

Let's take a sneak peek on what we can expect game on both video and anime series.

Serena or Calem are the new game buddies you will encounter in the game.

Serena/Calem is a gender dependent character (Serena when Female and Calem when Male) who strives to be a good Pokémon trainer.

CHARACTERS

Ash Ketchum remains the protagonist of the show. He is with a new look, new outfit. Still joined by his reliable friend and Pokémon, Pikachu. The series also features the newest version of the Pokédex.

NEW POKÉDEX

LUMIOSE CITY, KALOS REGION

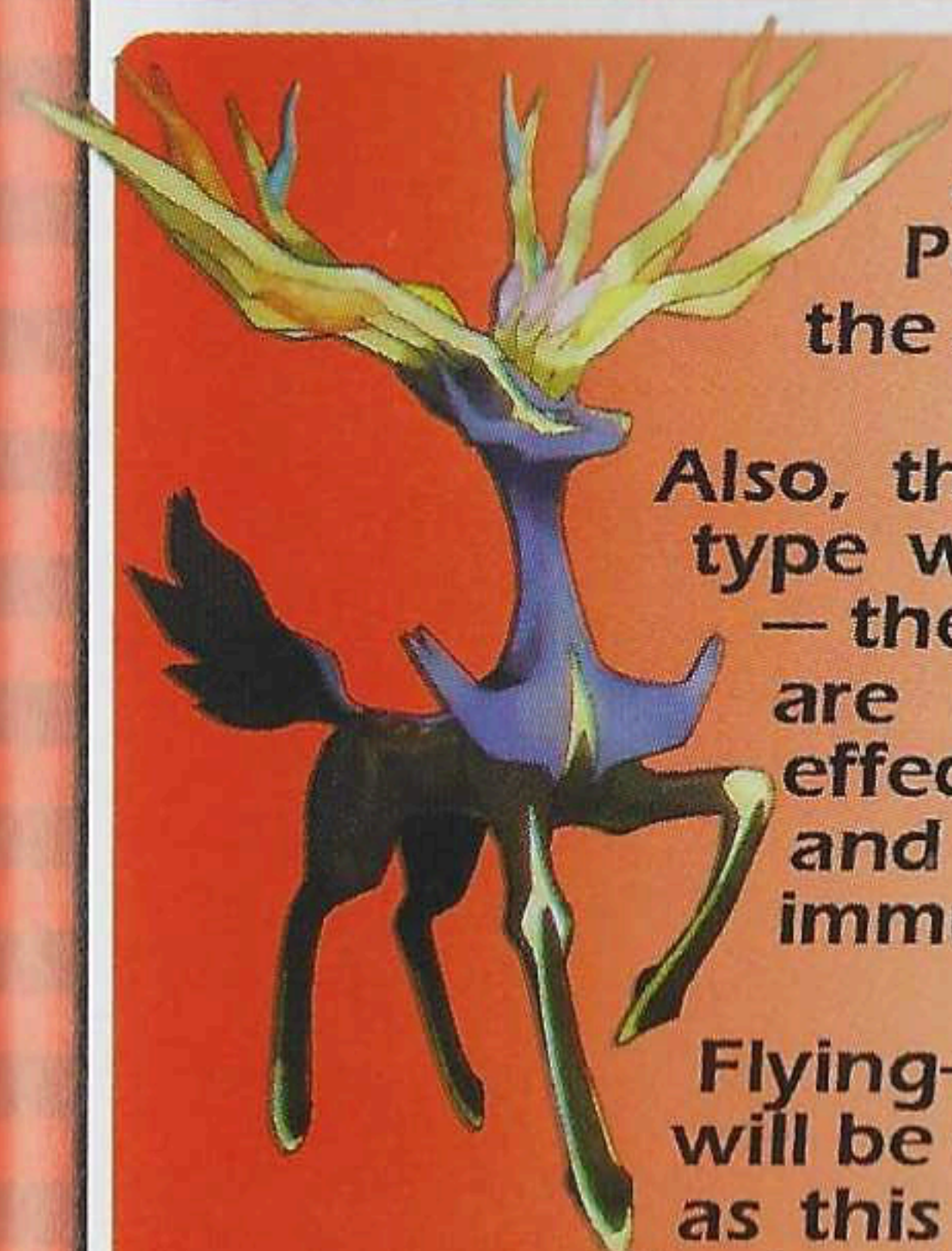


Free Torchic Promo

On the launching date of Pokémon X and Y, players can get a special Torchic holding the Blazikenite Mega Stone through the Nintendo Network.

This Torchic begins at level 10 and able to do the Scratch, Growl, Focus Energy and Ember Moves and will start to evolve to Combusken and then Blaziken.

NEW POKÉMONS

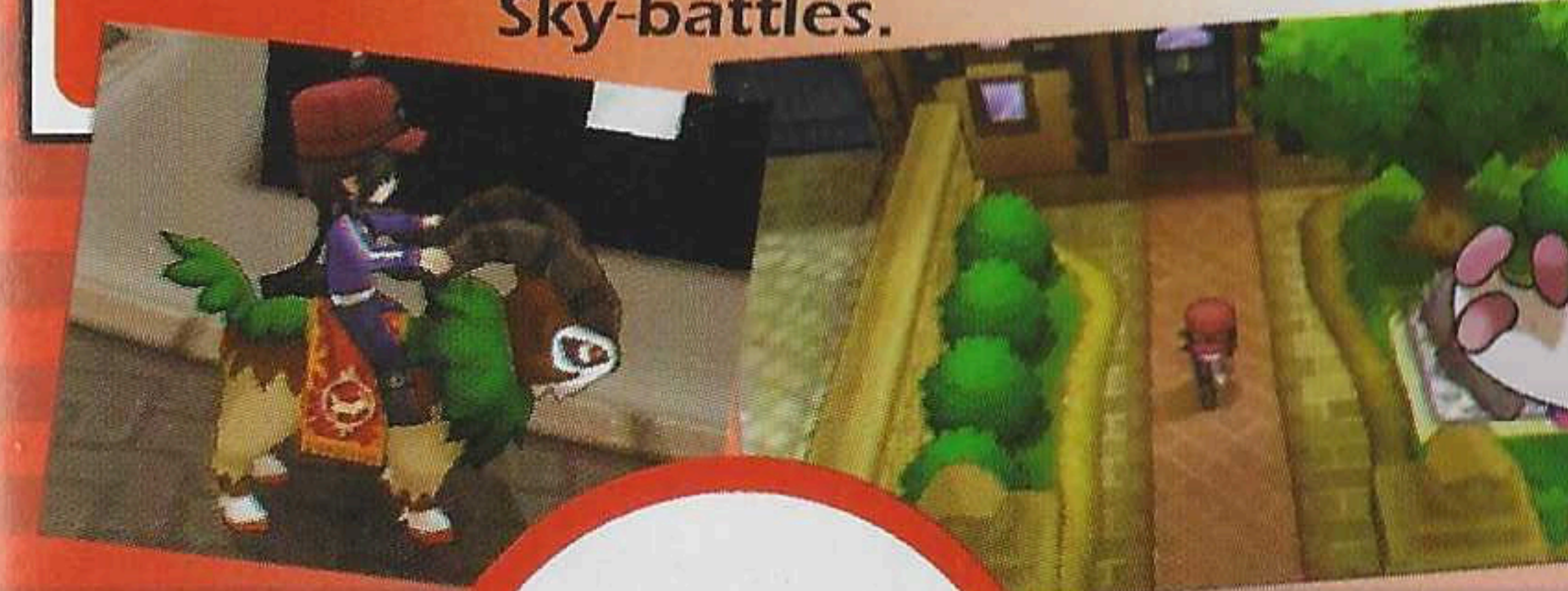


GAME

To date, there are 29 new Pokémon joining the adventure.

Also, the 18th Pokémon type will be introduced — the Fairy type. They are said to be very effective against Fire and Psychic and immune to dragon.

Flying-type Pokémon will be fighting in the air as this game introduces Sky-battles.



RIDING ABILITY

More exciting and thrilling Pokémon adventure in both video game and anime series awaits!

Grab your Pokédex and Pokéball now and start to catch 'em all!

Like the previous games, the players collect and battles other Pokémon trainers. This time, they are travelling at the Lumiose City of the Kalos Region (Paris-inspired). Along the way, they will encounter never seen before breed of Pokémon.

STORY LINE

Same with the video game, the anime series will revolve at the City of Lumiose. Ash and Pikachu will be joining the Kalos League that will test Ash's power in Pokémon duels.



ANIME

The anime will also feature the new Pokémon.

On January 2013, new starter Pokémon were revealed namely Chespin, the grass type spiny nut Pokémon, Fennekin, a fire type fennec fox; Froakie, the bubble frog Pokémon. Two new Legendary Pokémon namely: Xerneas, a deer-like Fairy type legendary Pokémon and Yveltal, a large avian-like Pokémon which is Dark – flying type.

Mega-Evolutions

Mega evolution is a new feature in the Pokémon series that allows a Pokémon to temporarily evolve in battle to change their appearance and at the same time, make them much stronger. This is possible when the player is holding the Mega-stones. But only certain Pokémon can evolve and it is only allowed during a battle. Some of the Pokémon that can mega-evolve are Mewtwo, Mawile, Absol, Lucario, Kangaskhan, Ampharos and Blaziken.



WATCH AND PLAY: FIVE ANIME TURNED INTO GAMES

Samurai Champloo: Sidetracked

The name of the game says a lot about what to expect in the gameplay. It had somehow sidetracked from the plot of **Samurai Champloo the Animation** and should not be mistaken as an inclusion to the original events in the anime. It tells the story of Jin and Mugen, your resident (and unemployed) swordsmen in the Edo Period of Japan, in which they encountered Fuu, a young lady who saved them in the midst of an execution. In order to extend their gratitude to her for saving them, the two swordsmen followed Fuu in her journeys and swore to protect her no matter what. **Samurai Champloo** is a cross-breed of old and contemporary Japan. The setting may be in the feudal era, but references to the hip-hop culture make it modern at the same time.

In the game, repetitive fighting has to be done, to kill numerous enemies and manage boss fights. The usual scenario is that a number of enemies would appear in the way of the main characters, in this case, **Jin and Mugen**, and they would be attacked for some reason, a distinctive characteristic to a brawler type of game. Add to it the inevitable background music that would make you tap your feet to the beat. The gameplay requires the characters to a button-mashing gala to be able to fight assailants simultaneously and level up as they go along. If you are, by any means, upset over something, this is probably one of the games that could be your best outlet at hand. Kill and kill until you win!

Game Developer: Bandai,
Grasshopper Manufacture
Platform: PlayStation 2
Animation Studio: Manglobe

Mobile Suit Gundam: Extreme Vs.

Gundam shoots right in every anime fans childhood as it is one of the most celebrated mecha anime series of all time. It follows the story of Gundam pilots trained by scientists to maneuver mobile suits and settle disputes with the Alliance. All installments of the Gundam series were patterned after a common theme of seeking peace amidst war. In **Extreme Vs.**, most Gundam units from the Gundam series animation are made available, so you could have a wide array of choices on which ones to use in the battles. Consequently, it leads to having a large set of Gundam pilots for the player to control.

The game contains a lot of missions that would allow the players to experience certain scenes in the anime again. If you choose to play it online, you will also need a partner online and someone you could rehearse the timings with. On **LAN** (Local Area Network), you would always have two characters to manage, so make sure that the stats of your two players harmonize. Handling teamwork is even more difficult than playing the game with only one character, but if you're that type of player, you would never go wrong with **Mobile Suit Gundam: Extreme Vs.**

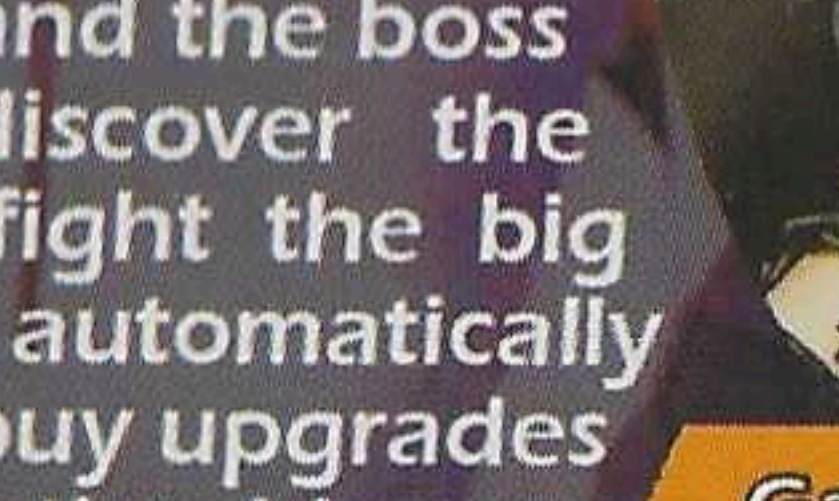
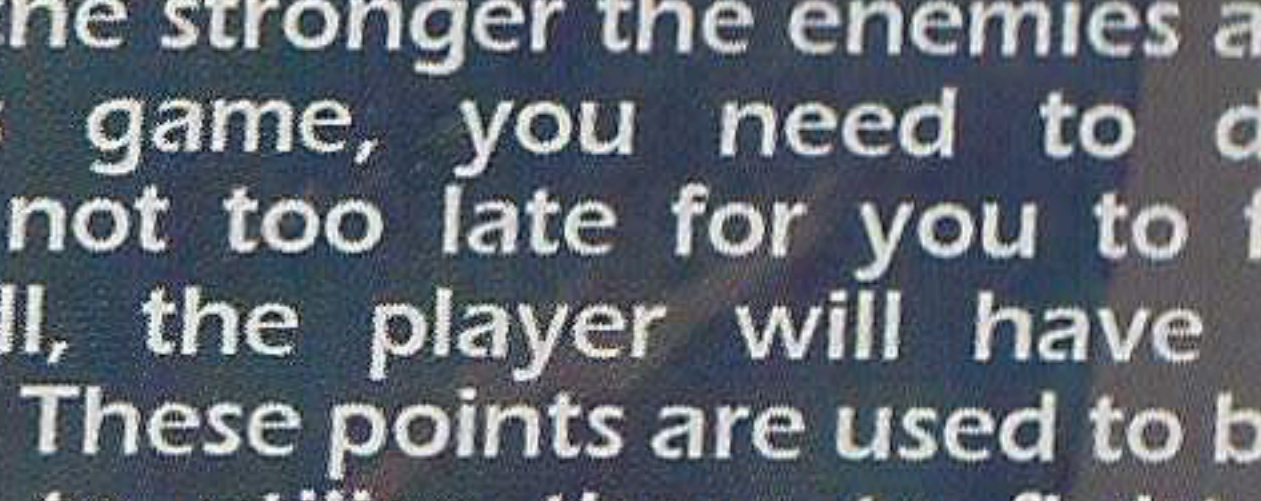
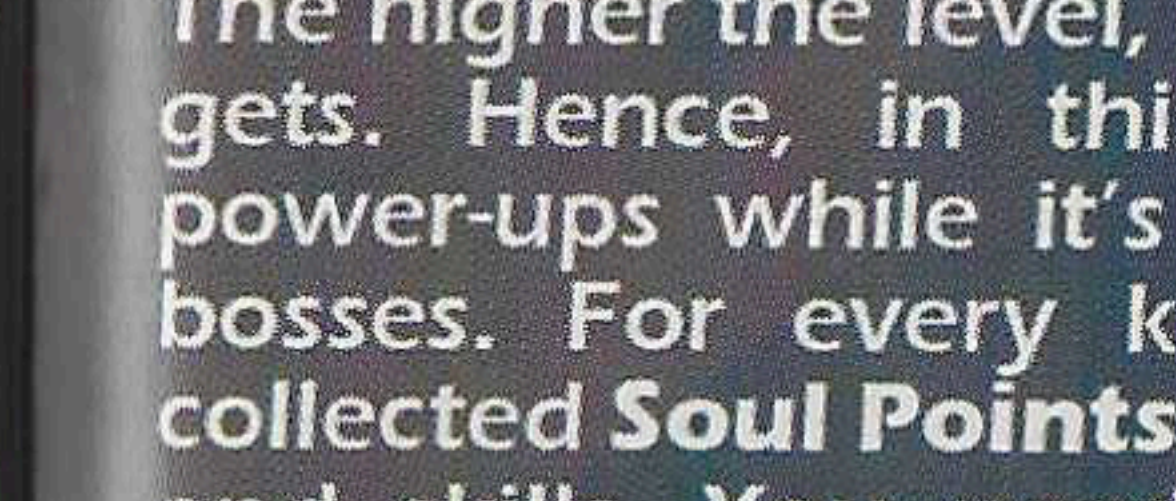
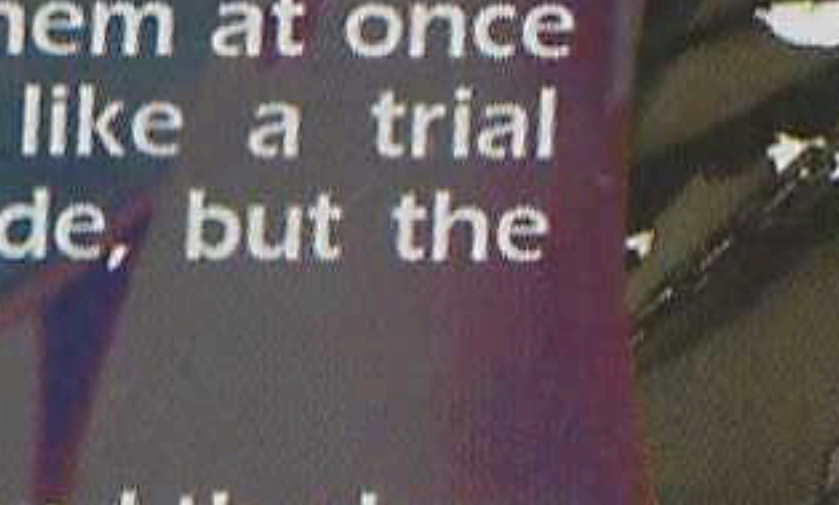
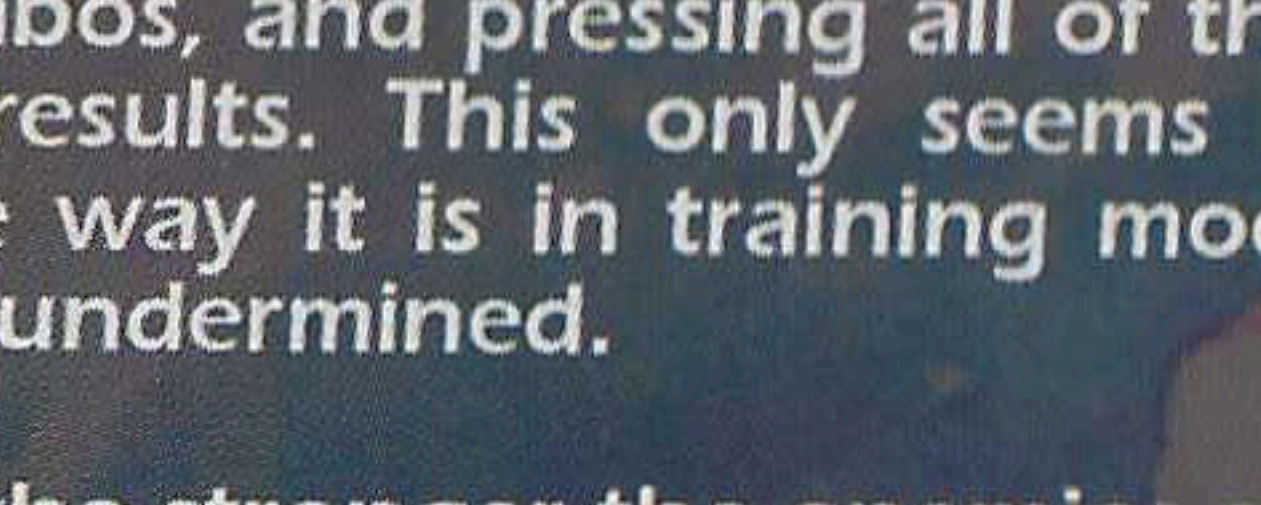
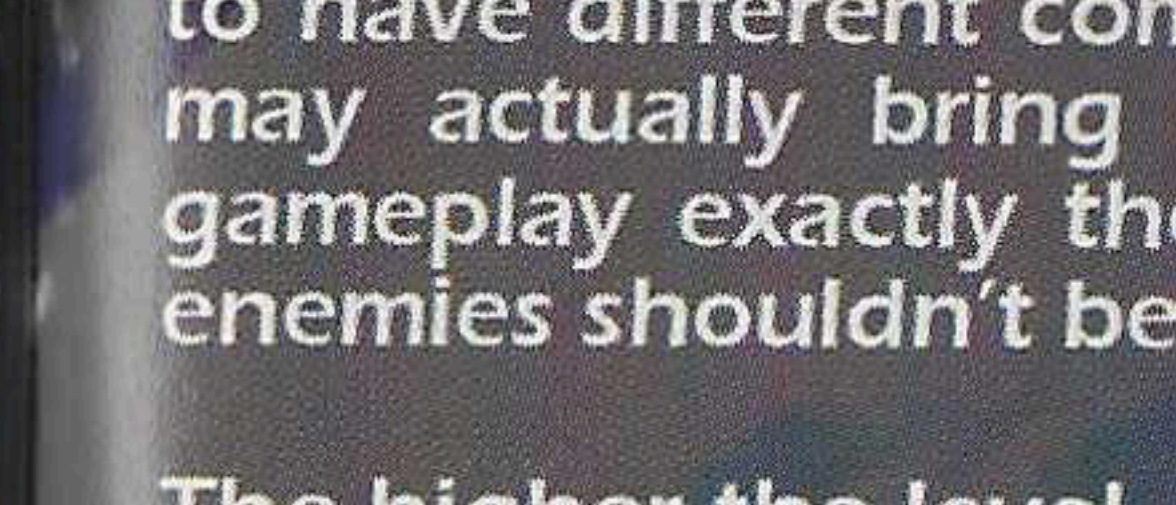
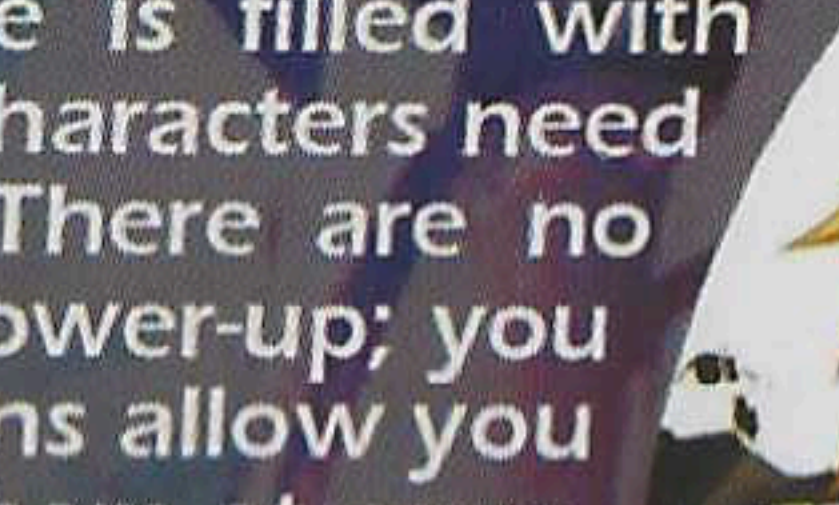
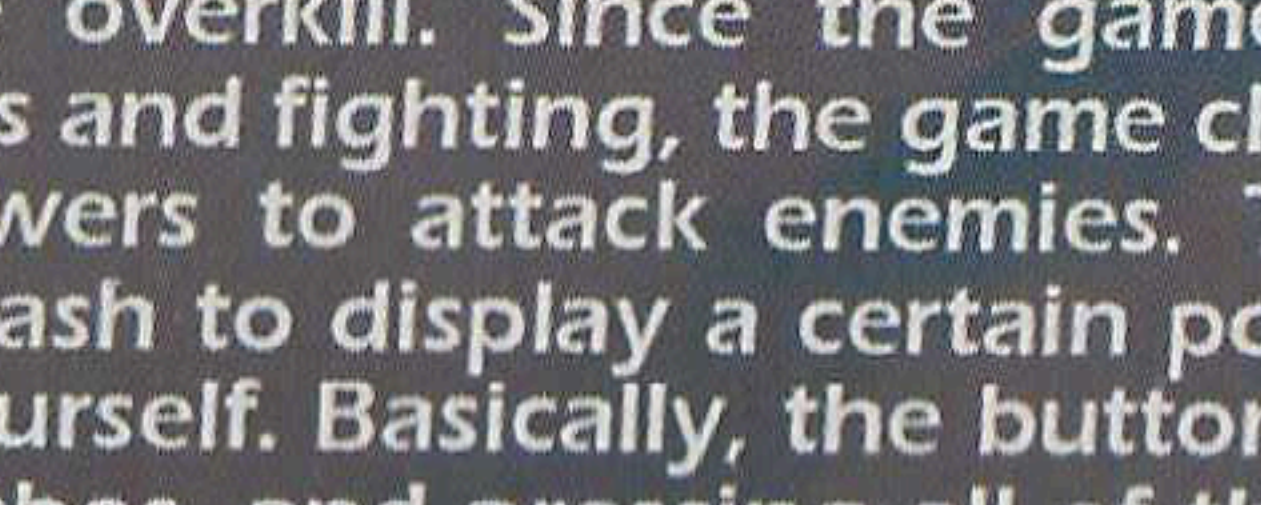
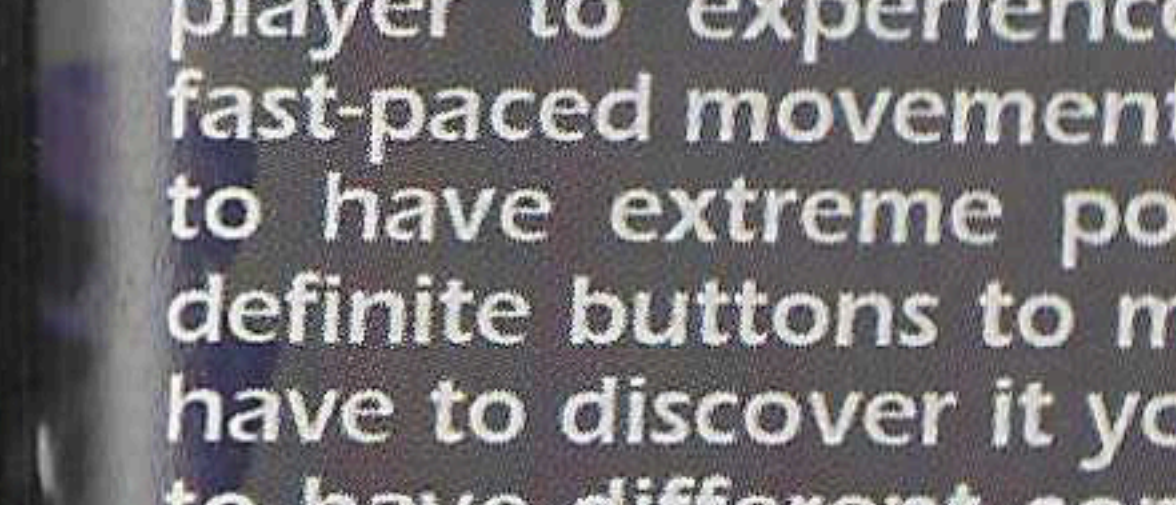
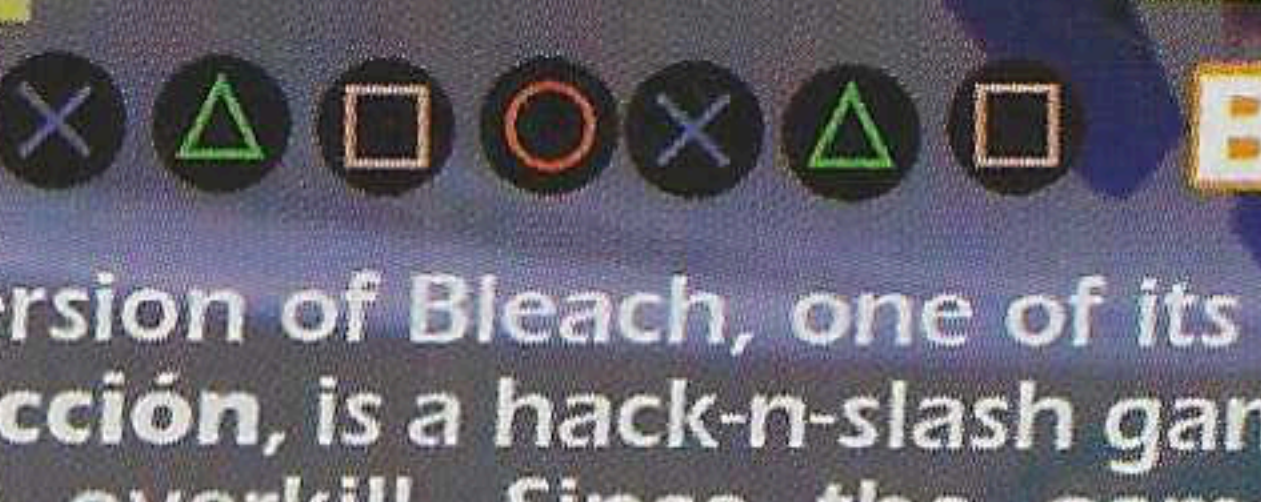
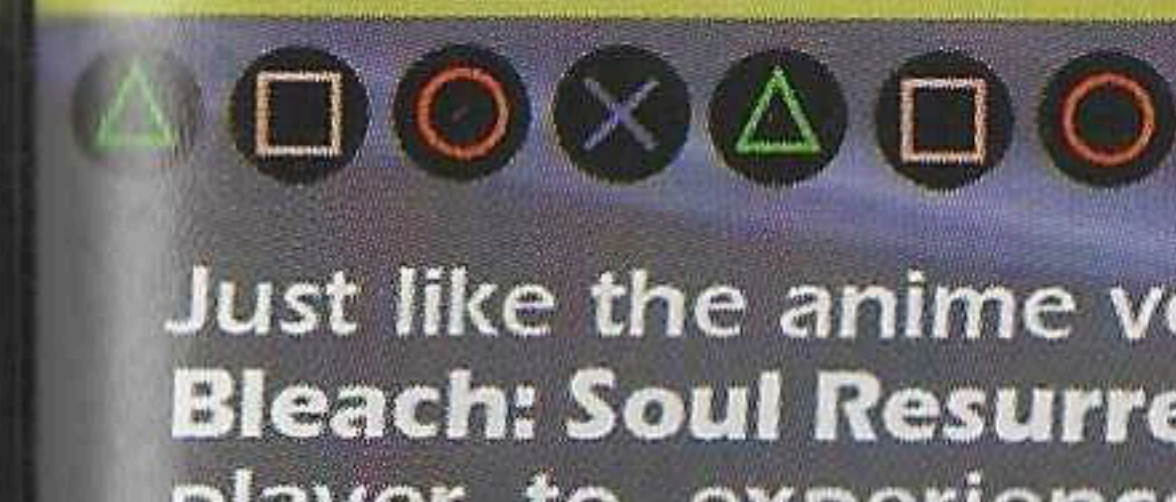
Game Developer: Namco
Bandai Games
Platforms: Arcade,
PlayStation 3

Dragon Ball Z: Budokai 3

Dragon Ball Z: Budokai 3 is filled with superb action almost like a deadly roller coaster ride. Every fan, or even non-fans at that, of the Dragon Ball series would get addicted to it. The storyline was based on the Dragon Ball Z installment, consisting of characters who appeared during that period.

Compared to the previous Budokai games, the gameplay of Budokai 3 enables the players to teleport behind the nearest point they can get with their enemy. That tactic is often seen in the anime and cannot be possibly neglected in the game. Also, the beam lighting, unique to Dragon Ball characters' transformations, is much more effective and spirited now. Budokai 3 can be played in versus mode, tournament, and challenge for the AI. Whether or not you're a fan of Dragon Ball Z series, you will certainly appreciate Dragon Ball Z: Budokai 3 because of its improved attacking methods and graphics.

Game developer: Atari
Platforms: PlayStation 2,
PlayStation 3, Xbox 360
Animation Studio: Toei
Animation



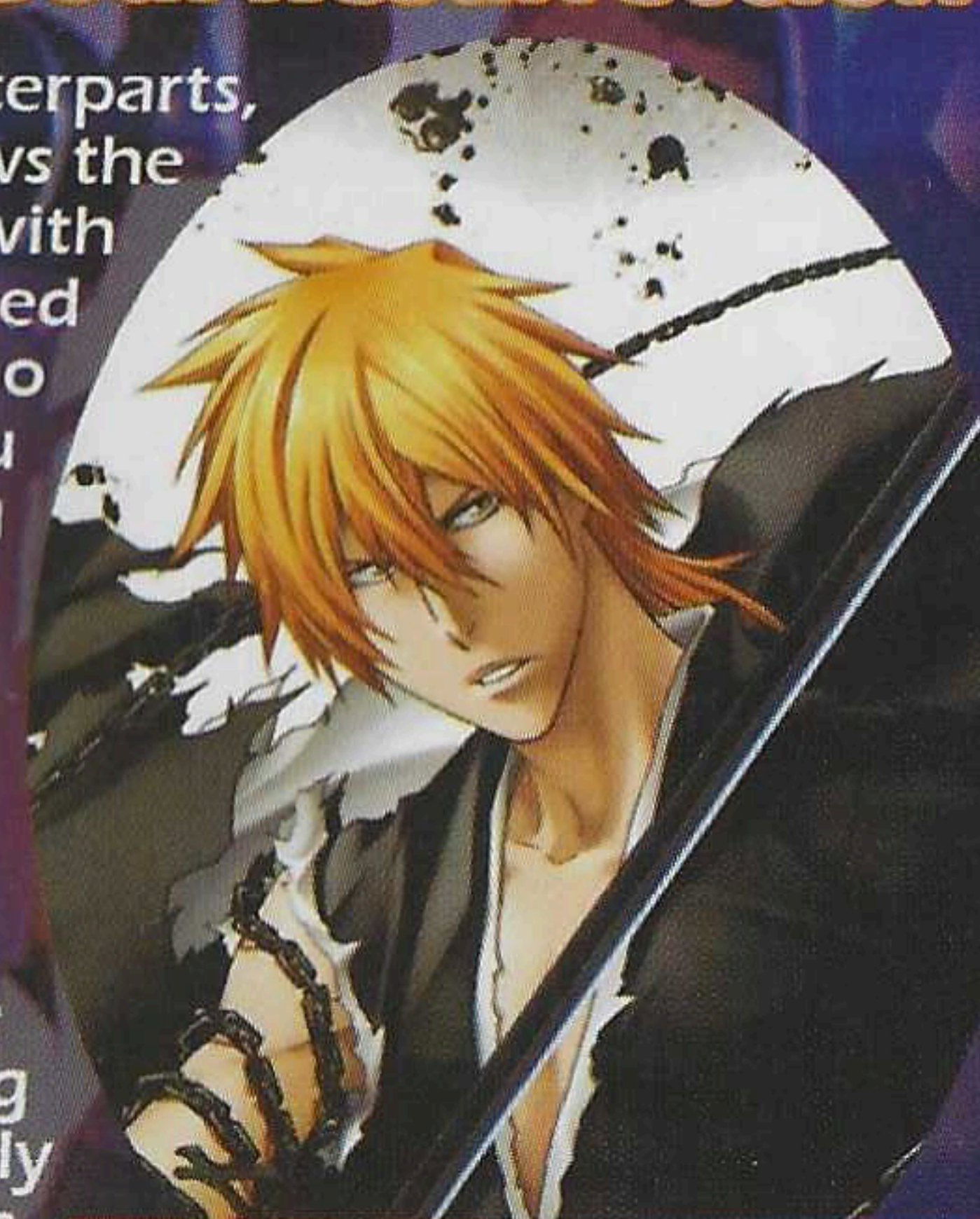
Just like the anime version of Bleach, one of its game counterparts, **Bleach: Soul Resurrección**, is a hack-n-slash game that allows the player to experience overkill. Since the game is filled with fast-paced movements and fighting, the game characters need to have extreme powers to attack enemies. There are no definite buttons to mash to display a certain power-up; you have to discover it yourself. Basically, the buttons allow you to have different combos, and pressing all of them at once may actually bring results. This only seems like a trial gameplay exactly the way it is in training mode, but the enemies shouldn't be undermined.

The higher the level, the stronger the enemies and the boss gets. Hence, in this game, you need to discover the power-ups while it's not too late for you to fight the big bosses. For every kill, the player will have automatically collected **Soul Points**. These points are used to buy upgrades and skills. You need to utilize them to fight the bigger villains.

While there is a lack of a clear storyline, the combat mode makes up for it with its awesome battle moves your character/s can show.

Bleach: Soul Resurrección

Game Developer: SCE Japan
Studio
Platforms: PlayStation 3
Animation studio: Studio
Pierrot



Naruto Shippuden: Ultimate Ninja Storm 3



If you want to see the softer side of all the **Ultimate Ninja Storm** games series but ironically with intense battles, this is probably what you're looking for.

Naruto Shippuden, as an anime, showed how Naruto was trying to learn the aspects of his relationships with friends and other ninjas as a grown-up. Following this trail of thought, the storyline of **Naruto Shippuden** has been carried out to the **Ultimate Ninja Storm 3** and here, he and other characters were reunited with what they considered to be their weak spots in order to become strong again.

The **Awakening Mode** enables each character to power-up and show their true abilities. Although this drains a lot of skill temporarily, the Awakening Mode has been proven helpful with battles. Eventually, the player has to choose the path of a Hero and a Legend. This might worry you a little bit because for every path, there would be a surprise waiting and you're bound to be clueless about it. However, if anything goes wrong with the option you chose, you can always go back using the **Ninja World Timeline**.

Game Developer: CyberConnect2
Platforms: Windows, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360
Animation studio: Studio Pierrot

Ultimate Ninja Storm 3 enables you to play mini quests and gather items necessary for ninja skills. This game is a package deal for a **Naruto** game fan,

almost a hodgepodge of all the features found in an ideal game, so make the most out of it and explore the huge world of **Naruto Shippuden: Ultimate Ninja Storm 3**.



There is a lot more to learn in the world of games, especially that it is now being fused with the anime fandom. In fact, these two worlds can work separately. But what we all need to keep in mind is to never judge a game based on its anime adaptation alone and never judge an anime on its game version!

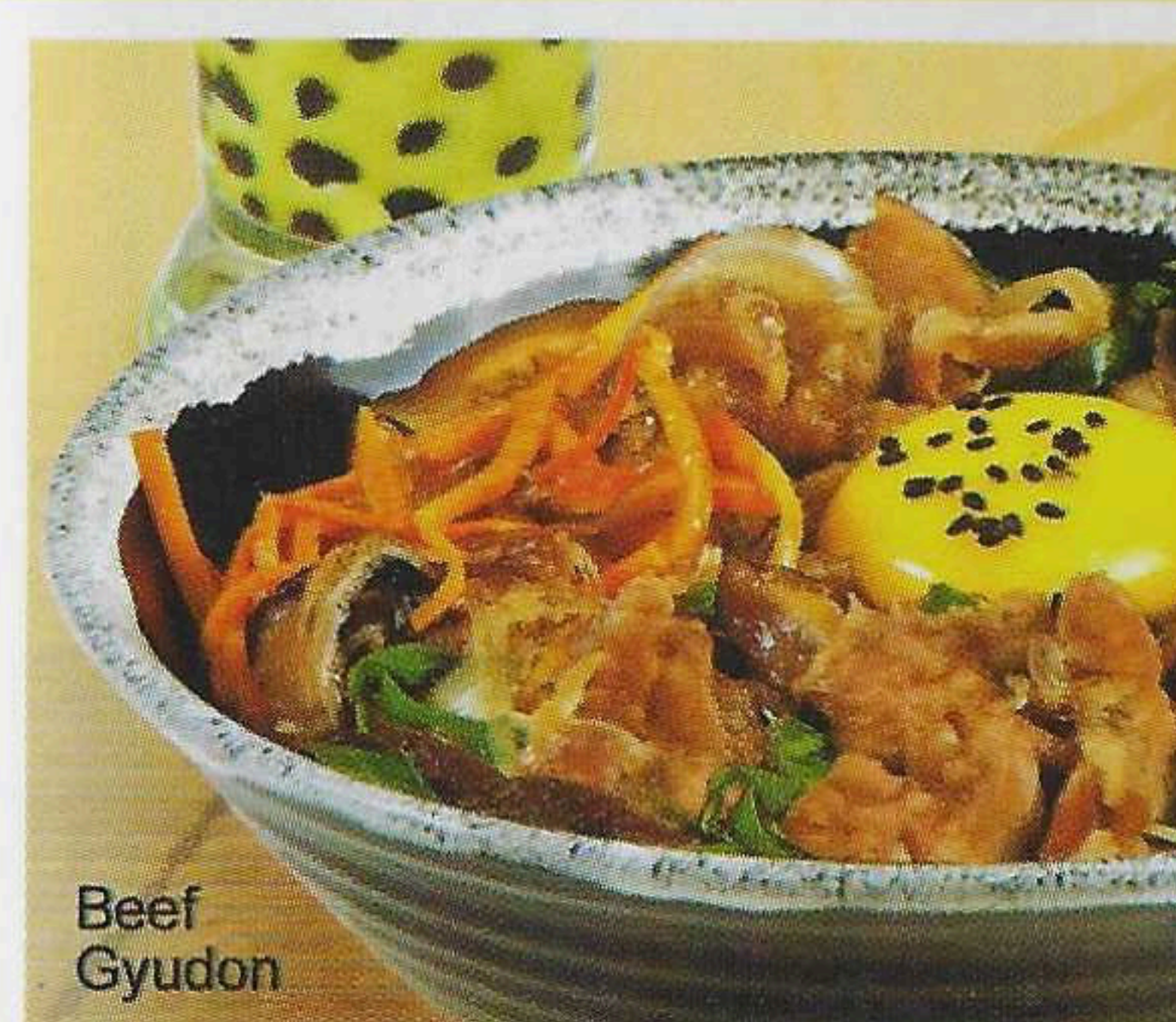


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RPG TRIBUTE

Role-Playing Game or most widely known as **RPG** is a type of game where the player assumes the role of a character in a fictional setting. The player's character may either be pre-determined or custom-created. Mainstream RPG sets the player as a low level character but gradually gains experience points and the character grows in power over time. A player's stats are also a huge factor and are given emphasis along with dungeon-conquering and item-hunting. There is also a compulsive tradition where the player must build a party with a wide variety of character types to boost not only raw power but also tactical capabilities. In the end, all the preparations and powering up is a prelude to an epic do-or-die boss battle.

An RPG's gameplay vastly varies depending on the type of RPG. **Western RPGs** focus greatly on character customization and free-roaming exploration where player dialogues and interactions determine the character's personality and game ending. **Eastern RPGs** or mostly known as **JRPG** often center on cinematic narratives and trademark characters. JRPG typically feels like visual novels and tends to use turn based systems. **Action RPGs** extensively focus on action and pride itself with the use of combat interface. They mostly do not rely on character stats but on the player's real-time combat skills. **Tactical RPG** highly focuses on the grid system where characters move around and take advantage of the field to defeat the opposition. Lastly, **Massively Multiplayer Online Role Playing Games** or **MMORPG** may be any or a combination of the previously mentioned. They may also possess a distinct element such as focusing on boss hunts and Player versus Player or PVP.

PERSONA 3

Persona 3 is one of the most highly acclaimed RPG of the Shin Megami Tensei series available to PS2 and PSP. Persona 3 features the elements of standard RPG, dating sims and visual novels. The story revolves around the daily life of the Protagonist spanning for a whole Japanese school year.

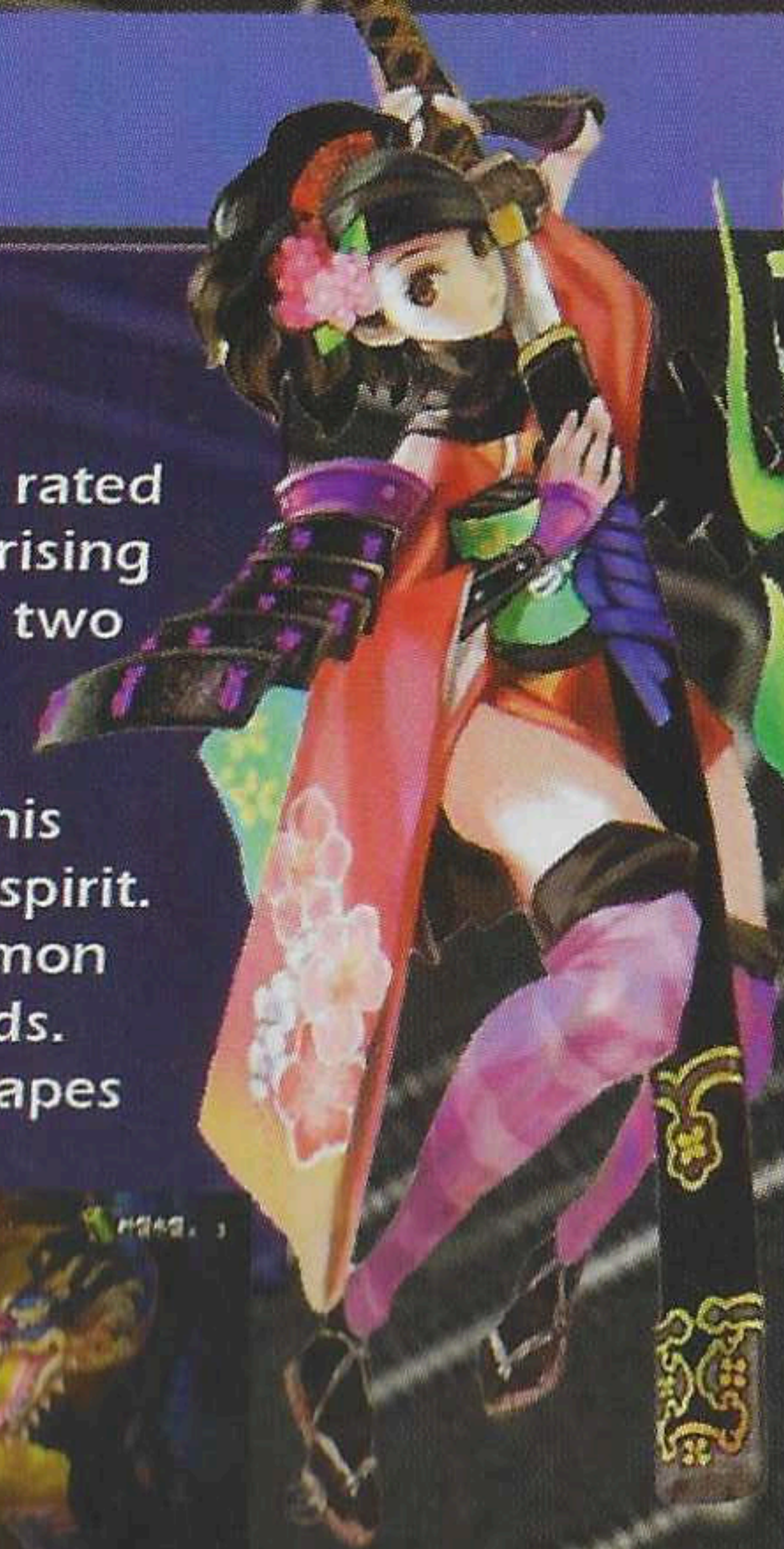
Upon one fateful night, the Protagonist accidentally awakens his latent ability, the power to summon Personas from the sea of souls. Since then, the Protagonist lives together with his new found allies whose primary purpose is to solve the mystery of the Dark Hour, defeat the unknown beings called Shadows and reach the top of Tartarus. A movie adaptation is schedule to premiere later this year.



MURAMASA: THE DEMON BLADE

Muramasa: The Demon Blade, also known as **Oboro Muramasa**, is a top rated Action RPG developed for Nintendo Wii and PSVita. Set in the land of the rising sun in an age where myths and legends are at its peak, witness the tale of two intertwined fates as they take hold of their own destiny.

The player assumes the role of either Kisuke who journeys east to unlock his memories, or Momohime who travels west while possessed by a vengeful spirit. Both are extremely skilled in the art of the sword and equipped with a demon blade called Muramasa that possess the ability to destroy fate and slay gods. They must collect all 108 Muramasa while exterminating enemies of all shapes and sizes.



DEVIL SURVIVOR

Shin Megami Tensei: Devil Survivor is a top rated Tactical RPG released for Nintendo DS and received an enhancement called Devil Survivor Overclocked for the 3DS. The story is set in modern day Tokyo. After a sudden string of events, the whole city is in full lockdown. Panic and turmoil ensues among the people as angels, demons and humans alike fight to gain control and order.

The Protagonist and his friends were normal students, until they were given a mysterious piece of technology known as COMPs. These handheld devices are able to summon and form contracts with demons, thus, the users are called demon-tamers. The Protagonist, along with his companions must survive the lockdown and figure out the mystery behind it. Devil Survivor boasts its multiple endings that depend entirely on the player's action, which could lead the Protagonist to either become the Messiah or the Overlord.



ONIGIRI ONLINE

Onigiri is a new Japanese style Action-MMORPG that is also available for PH users. Onigiri is set in an alternate world where old Japanese myths, fables and legends come to life. The player's character is claimed to be a descendant of the ancient Oni, and with your trusted companions, must battle against the Kamigui and the Goikkou.

Players must not only rely on their stats, but mostly on their skills. Onigiri features an action packed battle system that allows players to show their prowess and skill in combat. The player may also bond with their companions to further deepen their friendship and gain the ability to reach new heights.



GAMER'S ARENA

by Shirosaki

Contrary to popular belief, "tabletop games" don't necessarily mean "board games" even though board games do comprise the majority of the well-known tabletop games. Face it, everyone has seen or played games like Chess, Monopoly, Snakes and Ladders and more. The term "tabletop game" can mean a lot of games, such as board games, dice games, pen-and-paper RPGs, trading card games, you name it. **Without further ado, here are some recommended games when it's game over in your PS3!**

TABLETOP GAMES



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

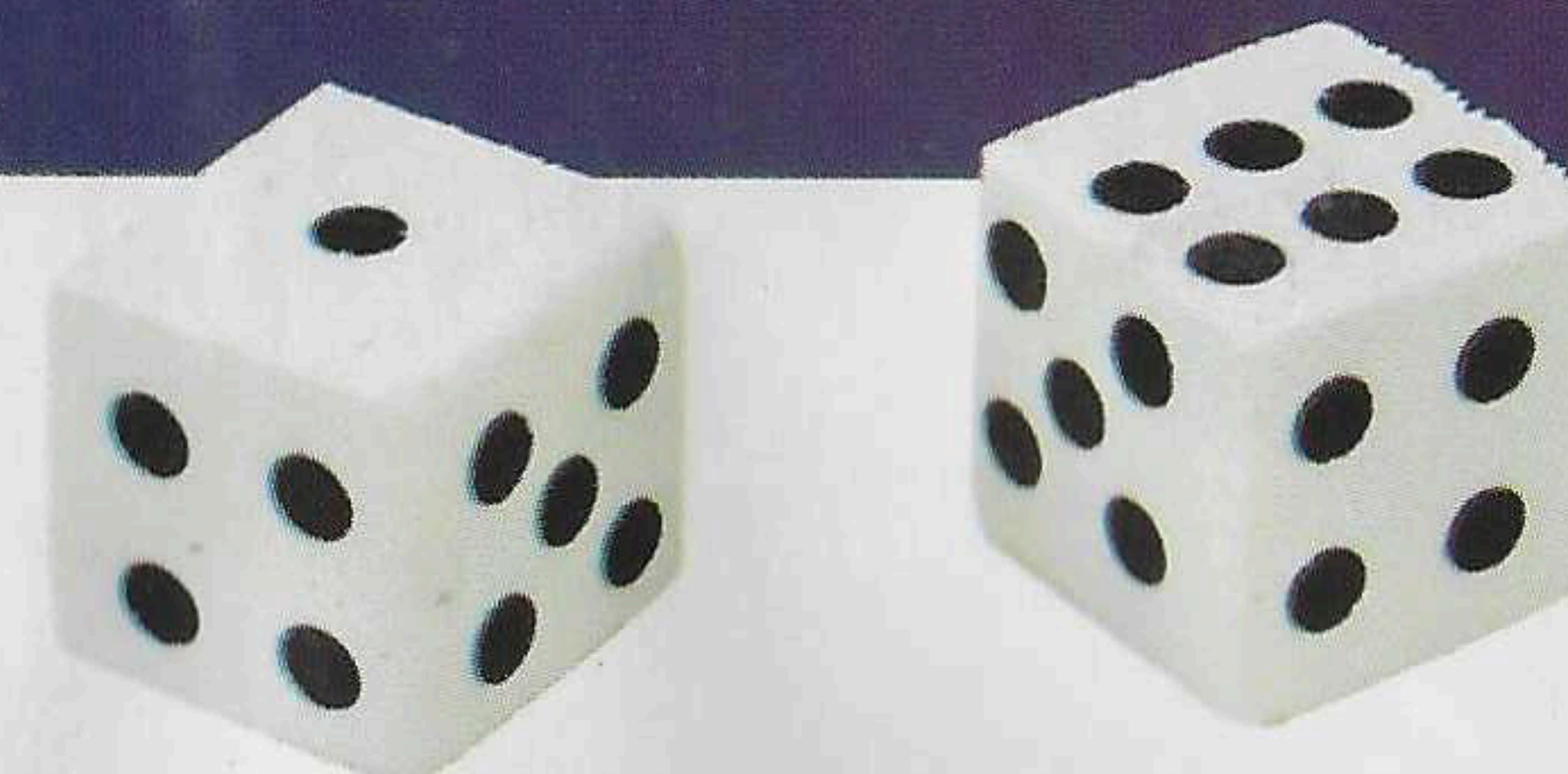
Before the emergence of high fantasy in mainstream games such as the Diablo series, there was Dungeons and Dragons, a very influential game which pretty much started the modern role-playing game genre. Players form parties of characters, featuring familiar

RPG classes such as mages and warriors, complete with individual stats and alignments. The game is generally carried out verbally, with each player taking turns to declare their moves while they journey through the imaginary fantasy world, not very different from modern MMORPGs. The moves are being passed to a "Dungeon Master", who resolves the results of the actions using the dice. Since the players may use a pre-made story or create their own adventures, it can be said that D&D is one of the most customizable multi-player RPG a person can play, as everything comes from imagination. Saying that the game's playing time is long would be an underestimation, but with a bunch of similarly enthusiastic RPG gamers, D&D would definitely shine as one of the most flexible and enjoyable RPGs ever made.



With the return of the giant monster films (Pacific Rim and the new Godzilla), there's no better board game to recommend than King of Tokyo! With as much as six giant monsters, players get to duke it out for dominance of every giant monster's favorite playground: Tokyo, Japan. Players take turns rolling three dice, which can lead to obtaining energy to buy useful items, getting points, or dealing damage to enemy monsters inside Tokyo. How to win the game? Reach 20 points or eliminate all enemy monsters! It definitely sounds easier than it really is, as players will have to choose which winning condition to gun for. May the strongest monster win!

KING OF TOKYO



DON'T
REST
YOUR
HEAD

A GAME OF INSOMNIA IN THE MAD CIT
BY FRED HICKS

Do you prefer a much darker tabletop game? Something that involves twisted horror elements? Then this RPG is the perfect thing for you! The game's story is basically about playing as characters that have not gotten sleep and have entered a place called the Mad City. In this place, the players then encounter and confront beings called Nightmares. A game which places a lot of emphasis on the role-playing aspect featuring a Game Master, **Don't Rest Your Head** plays somewhat similarly to Dungeons and Dragons. The game also employs a dice system which affects players' stats. If you're one who's up for imaginative takes on RPGs and need something gripping to keep you on the edge of your seats, this game is for you.

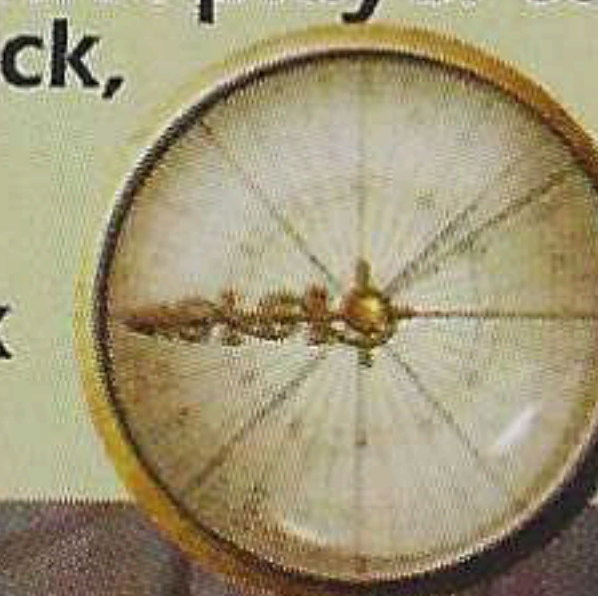
Timeline

For the brainier players, there is the game to show off your knowledge of history in front of everyone! **Timeline** is a tabletop game.

The game starts with a single card featuring an invention. Players take turns adding cards on the left or right of the starting card, forming an actual timeline. If you get it right, your turn ends; but if

you get it wrong, your card goes out of play and you draw a new one. The first player to use up all their cards from their hand wins. The game is simple and quick, lasting for around 5-10 minutes.

All in all, Timeline can be described as a game which is perfect for quick pick-up games, and it's even more fun with four or more players.



SMASH UP

For those of you who are still in trading card fever, this is one card game you would not want to miss. *Smash Up!* has a simple premise, both players get two decks from a random pool of factions, then compete with each other for s by smashing bases scattered throughout the d as cards. Like a true trading card game, each aliens, dinosaurs, ninjas, microbots, and much aying style and specialties.

Players start chipping away at a base's HP by putting down their minions in there. After your turn, you may draw cards from the deck you formed out of the two random factions, which may grant you abilities to strengthen your minions or hamper your opponents' minions, all in your quest to secure the bases and obtain the most points possible for that base's destruction. This continues on until one player has reached the goal for point totals obtained from destroying the bases. The randomness factor of this game gives it a really long replay value, and after playing a few games with several friends, I guarantee that you will not even get close to tired of the game due to the number of options you have.



GAMER'S ARENA

For the general otaku population, the words "Trading Card Game" would most likely get associated with one thing in their minds: Yu-Gi-Oh. A show which features Yugi Muto and his friends' adventures to become stronger by recovering ancient mysteries of Egypt is probably the typical otaku's first exposure to the trading card games. However, this genre is so diverse that there are so much more TCG, and here, we will introduce some of the great ones making waves in the community.

TRADING CARD GAMES

Magic: The Gathering

Maker: Richard Garfield
Company: Wizards of the Coast

Here we have the granddaddy of trading card games. **Magic: The Gathering** is most likely the most influential game in terms of the trading card genre. Employing a high-fantasy setting, MTG pits two players, termed "Planeswalkers" against each other with the ability to use mana in order to conjure spells, summon creatures and artifacts, and use enchantments, all with the goal to bring their opponent's life total to zero. MTG features five elements with their own strengths and weaknesses to complement their playing style. With a huge library of cards, the possibilities of deck-building in MTG is so immense. You will end up with a personalized deck that no one else runs, and still pull off a consistent winning record with it. Magic: The Gathering has quite a steep learning curve for beginners, but the game is really something people would enjoy once they get the ropes. Now get your deck and start fighting your way to victory!

MTG is also available online through the Internet-based video game adaptation.

Cardfight Vanguard

Maker: Akira Ito (Yu-Gi-Oh! R), Satoshi Nakamura (Duel Masters) and Takaaki Kidani (Bishiroad)
Company: Bushiroad

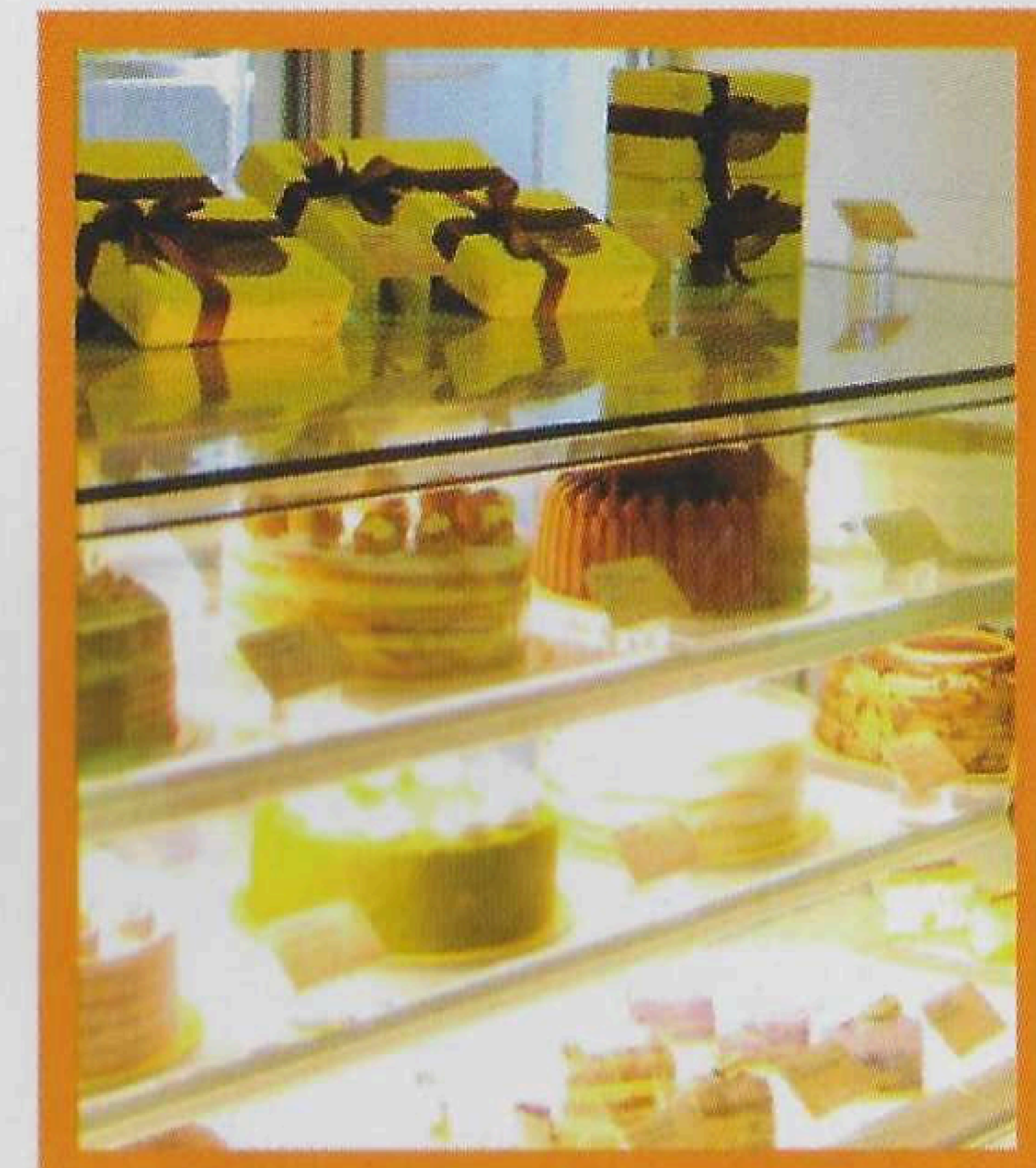
Card Fight Vanguard or **CFV** is another Japanese TCG that's slowly gaining ground in the Philippines. Similar to Yu-Gi-Oh, the game uses various units to fight against each other. True to its nature as a TCG, the units in Vanguard are divided into different factions, each with their own aesthetic designs and themes, such as knights, dragons, undead pirates, super robots, and even mermaid pop idols.

Unlike most TCGs, there are only units in play for Cardfight Vanguard, no artifacts, spells, traps, enchantments, and such. All the special abilities come from fellow units. The goal of the game is to deal 6 damage into your opponent. In order to aid your push, a deck contains several Trigger Cards which can be activated in mid-battle, possibly giving your units timely boosts needed to break through the opponent's defenses. The game is easy to learn, but not easy to master. With a group of friends, Cardfight Vanguard definitely presents a card game which is not only fast-paced, but allows numerous outcomes depending on a player's decision. Coming in at a very affordable price compared to other major TCG's, Vanguard is absolutely recommended for those who would not want to invest too much on their cards.

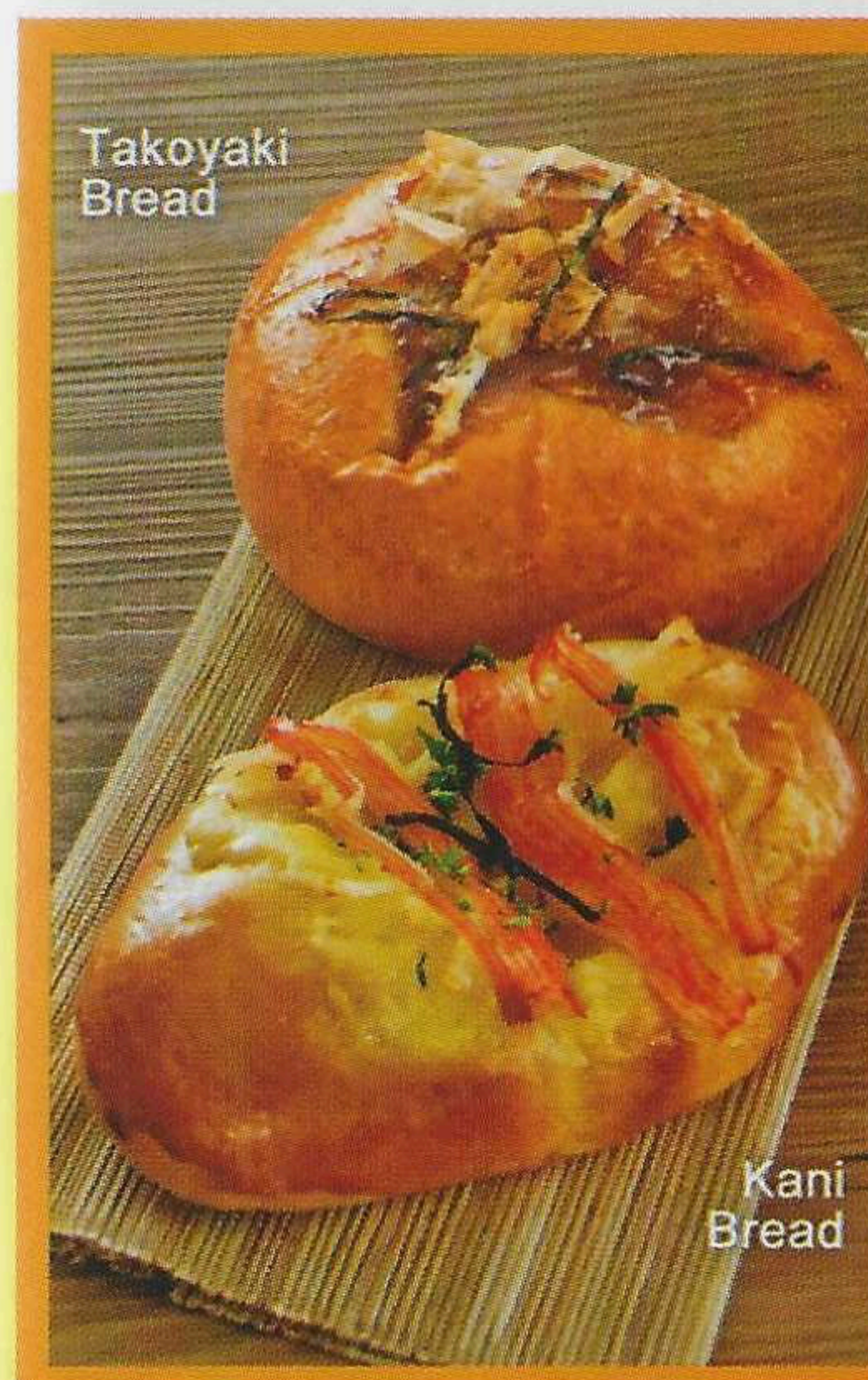
This may be the end of our short overview but not the end of tabletop games. There are hundreds more games out there and we hope you try out our recommendations and have fun!



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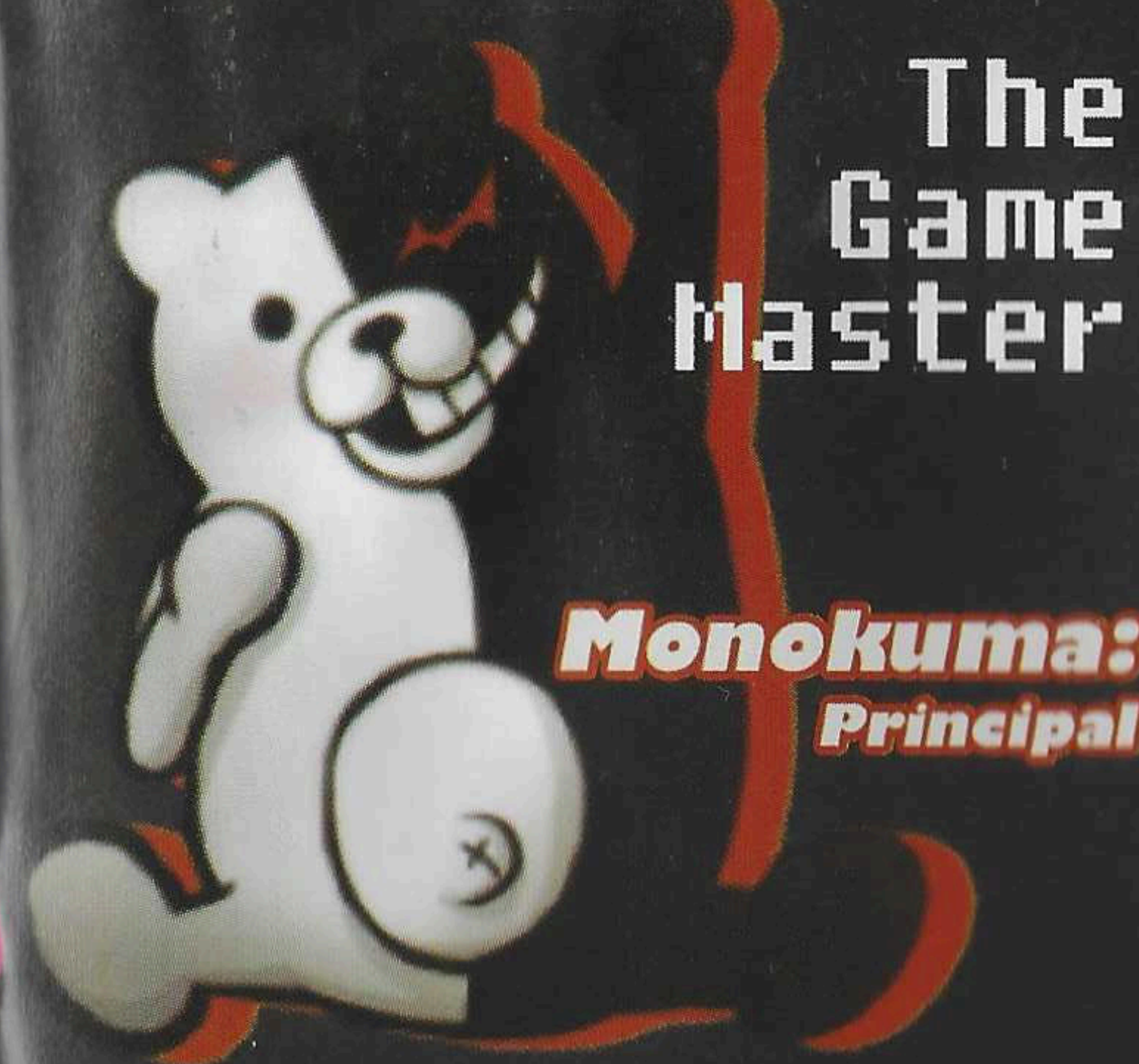


DANGANRONPA

THE ANIMATION

Makoto Naegi's life changes when he receives an invitation from **Hope's Peak Private Academy** (Kibōgamine Gakuen) to become one of its students. Every year, the academy chooses a group of extraordinary students coming from different schools to join its roster. Makoto, as far as he knows, has no special abilities or talents to share. So when he steps on the grounds of the school, all he has in his hands is his optimism in learning anything that the academy has to teach him. However, at that moment, everything goes blank and he wakes up in the middle of an empty classroom with CCTV cameras and steel-plated windows. He finds his other classmates in the gym but, like him, all 14 of them are clueless about what is happening.

The Game Master



Monokuma:
Principal

Monokuma's personality is split into half: one a sweet bear and the other one, ruthless. However, Monokuma is generally a cruel bear who forces the students to beg for mercy for their lives. His goal is to bring despair to each one of them and provoke them into doing evil acts such as betrayal and killing.

Seiyuu: Nobuyo Ooyama
(Doraemon, Doraemon; Kappei Jin, Muteki Choujin Zanbot 3)

His classmates introduce themselves, showing off different assets. In a desperate attempt to find any hints as to what has come their way, they wander around only to find there is neither an entrance to nor an exit from the academy; only steel bars that are impossible to destroy and entrances to different rooms. Amidst the commotion, Monokuma enters the scene: a talkative monochromatic pseudo-bear who is the principal of Hope's Peak Private Academy.

According to him, the only way to get out of the academy is for the students to kill each other off. If not, then they have to manage living together forever inside. Sweet, isn't it? Not for the students though, as they have wonderful lives outside the academy. Will they find hope in this unnerving situation? Or will they succumb to the principal's rules?

Dangan Ronpa is originally a game developed by Spike Chunsoft in the year 2010. Shortly after its success, a manga adaptation has been written, followed by the production of the anime in 2013.

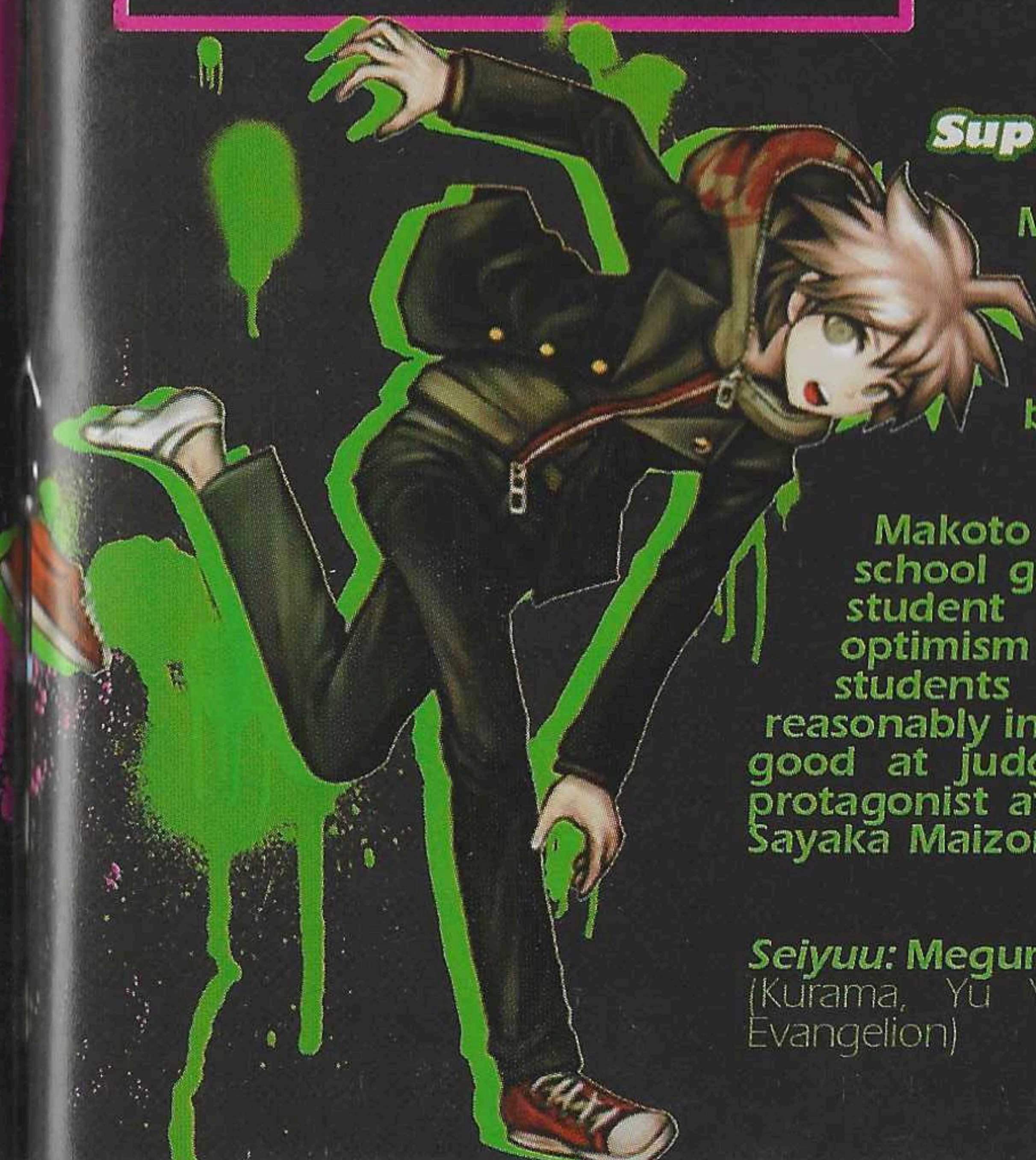
The Players

Makoto Naegi: **Super Duper High School Luckster**

Makoto Naegi couldn't quite fathom how he ended up in a miserable situation within the academy when he was actually labeled as the Super Duper High School Luckster, having been selected through raffle to join the elite academy.

Makoto is just your normal everyday high school guy. Although he was introduced as a student with no extraordinary ability, his optimism may be a great addition to the batch of students he belongs. Makoto can think reasonably in the heat of the moment and he is also good at judging things in a nutshell; indeed a protagonist at heart. Makoto is acquaintances with Sayaka Maizono way back in middle school, and he seems to have a huge crush on her.

Seiyuu: Megumi Ogata
(Kurama, Yu Yu Hakusho; Shinji Ikari, Neon Genesis Evangelion)



Sayaka Maizono:
Super Duper High
School Level Idol



Sayaka is the leader of a popular five-member group. Aside from her good looks and talent in singing and dancing, she is also a kind-hearted girl. She has good intuition that could probably have some use on their dire position in the academy.

Seiyuu: Makiko Omoto
(Elisi Linette, Zoids; Makino, One Piece)

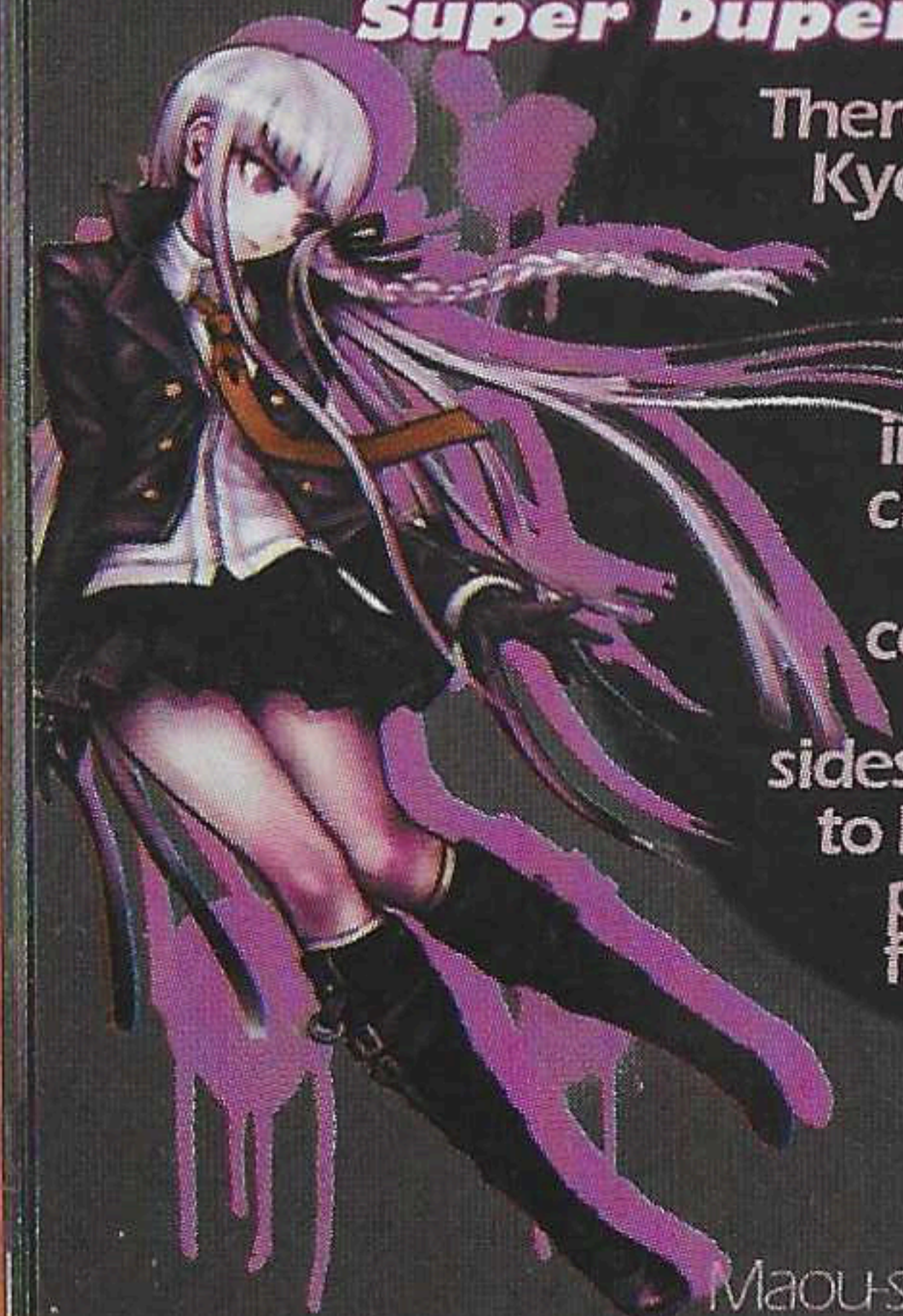
Touko Fukawa:
Super Duper High
School Bookworm



Touko Fukawa is a top-selling novelist even at a young age. In the academy, her most notable trait is her uncontrolled restlessness in most situations. She is paranoid over trivial things, thinking that people might hurt her. Hence, she often displays a defensive attitude to protect herself.

Seiyuu: Mlyuki Sawashiro
(Toto Sakigami, Deadman Wonderland; Daichi Shijima, Devil Survivor 2 The Animation)

Kyouko Kirigiri:
Super Duper High School ???



There is no definite label for Kyouko, as she is skillful at almost all aspects. Primarily, Kyouko is good at investigating incidents and analyzing chains of circumstances. Her role can be compared to a mediator when two opposing sides collide. Kyouko seems to have a cold and distant personality, but she has faith in the good side of people.

Seiyuu: Yoko Hikasa
(Emi Yusa, Hataraku Maou-sama!; Houki Shinonono, IS: Infinite Stratos)

Aoi Asahina:
Super Duper High
School Swimmer



Aoi Asahina is a cheerful and enthusiastic girl. A competent athlete by heart, she has joined five sports clubs that allowed her to gain her current title. She is good friends with Sakura, but she can get along well with others, too. Aoi has a ditzy nature and forgets names often. She is expressive of

her emotions, particularly during sad moments.

Seiyuu: Chiwa Saito
(Kaito Daimon, Phi Brain: Kami no Puzzle; Alicia Rue, Sword Art Online)

Celestia Ludenberg:
Super Duper High School Gambler

Celestia is a huge gambler before entering the academy. She is highly intellectual, but with this capacity comes the underlying nature of hers to being such a good liar. She is quite manipulative and her schemes could deceive anyone. Since she can say anything with a poker face, she can convince people to participate in her plans.

Seiyuu: Hekiru Shiina
(Rurubell, Megami Tengoku; Hikaru Shidou, Magic Knight Rayearth)



Sakura Oogami:
Super Duper High School Fighter

Do not be deceived! Sakura Oogami has always been mistaken as a guy because of her stature and her deep voice. But she is not complaining about it since her only goal is to be the best martial artist in the world. Despite her intimidating build, she is one of the rational characters in their group.

Seiyuu: Kujira
(Otose, Gintama; Nogisu, Kyou Kara Maoh!)



Leon Kuwata:
Super Duper High
School All Star



Leon is a baseball star, but has an ambition to be a musician. He is always scowling and complaining about other students in the academy. His enthusiasm and hot-headedness don't bring him trouble, surprisingly, because he can get away with it using the label he earned.

Seiyuu: Takahiro Sakurai
(Haseo, Hack//; Suzaku Kururugi, Code Geass; Cloud Strife, Final Fantasy VII)

Yasuhiro Hagakure:
Super Duper High
School Level Shaman



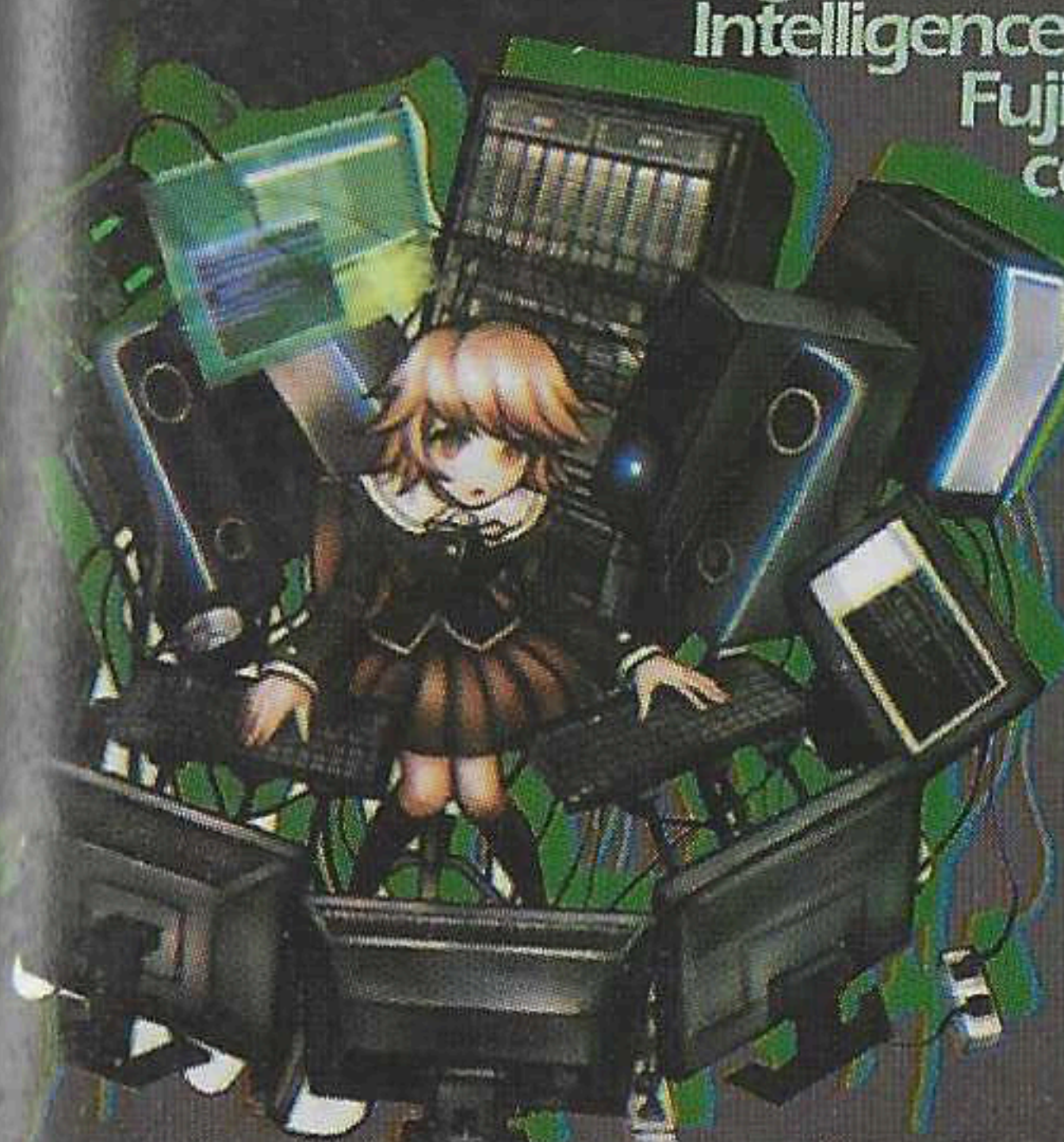
Yasuhiro Hagakure always has a crystal ball in his hands even though his accuracy rate in clairvoyance is only 30%. Apart from that, he is the oldest student in the group. He has a carefree personality but he can be short-fused at times especially if he doesn't like the topic of the conversation.

Seiyuu: Masaya Matsukaze
(Kyouya Ootori, Ouran High School Host Club; Ren Ichimoku, Jigoku Shoujo)

Chihiro Fujisaki:
Super Duper High School
Programmer

Chihiro is a child prodigy in computer programming. Before entering the university, Chihiro was working to create an Artificial Intelligence. It is evident that Fujisaki has no confidence in talking to others and is against seeing disputes within the group.

Seiyuu: Kouki Miyata
(Rey, Saint Beast; Ukyo, Amnesia)



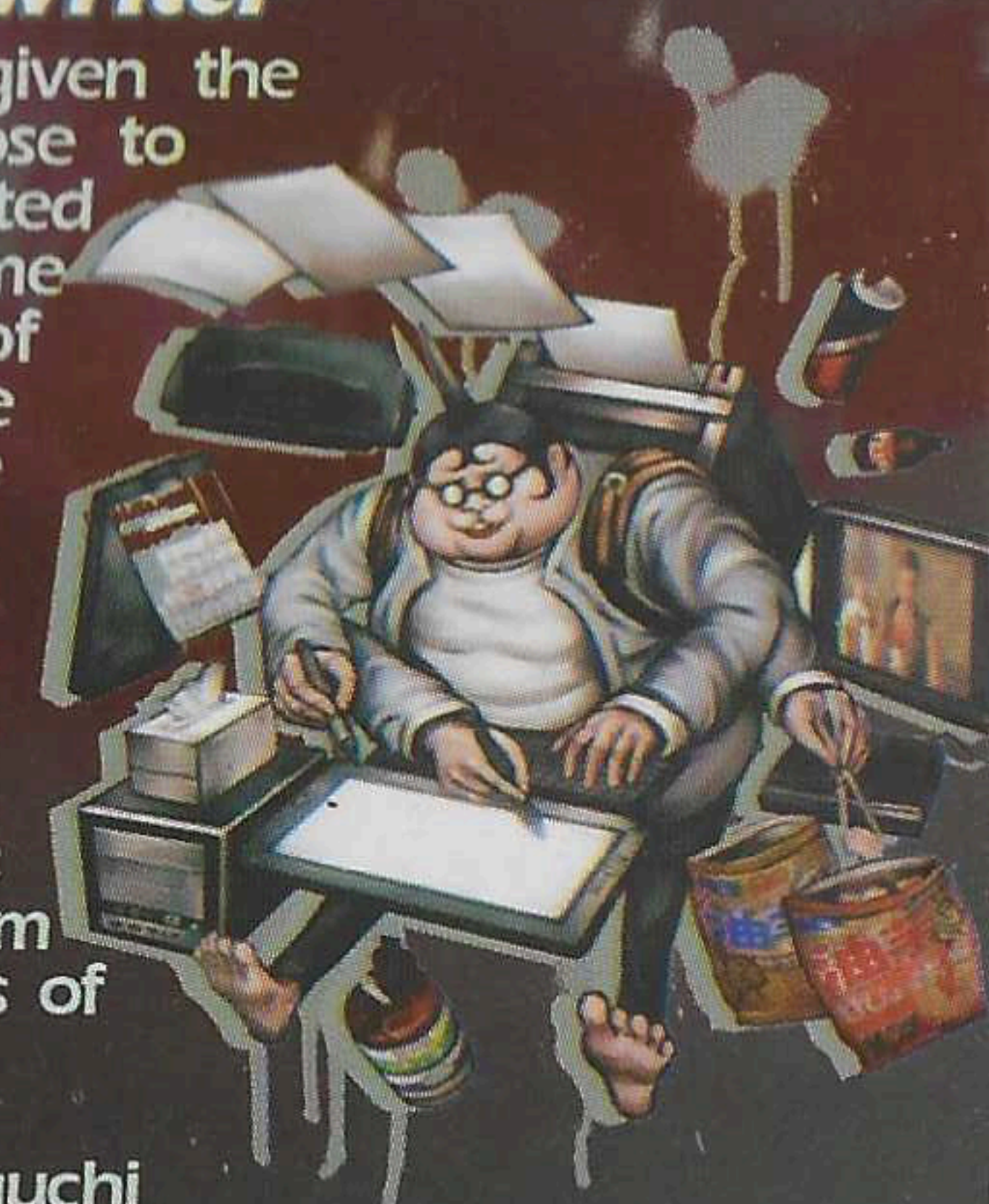
Mondo Oowada:
Super Duper High
School Outlaw Biker



Mondo Oowada comes from Crazy Diamonds, the most influential gang of bikers in Japan. Mondo has an aggressive attitude and is very short-tempered. He wouldn't hesitate grabbing the collar of anyone who opposes his ideas.

Seiyuu: Kazuya Nakai
(Zoro Roronoa, One Piece; Mugen, Samurai Champloo)

Hifumi Yamada:
Super Duper High
School Doujin Writer



Hifumi Yamada, if given the chance, would choose to write doujins dedicated to his favorite anime and games instead of staying in the academy forever. He used to sell thousands of copies of his doujins in his previous school. He is fond of relaying overtone in his words which makes him perverted in the eyes of the other students.

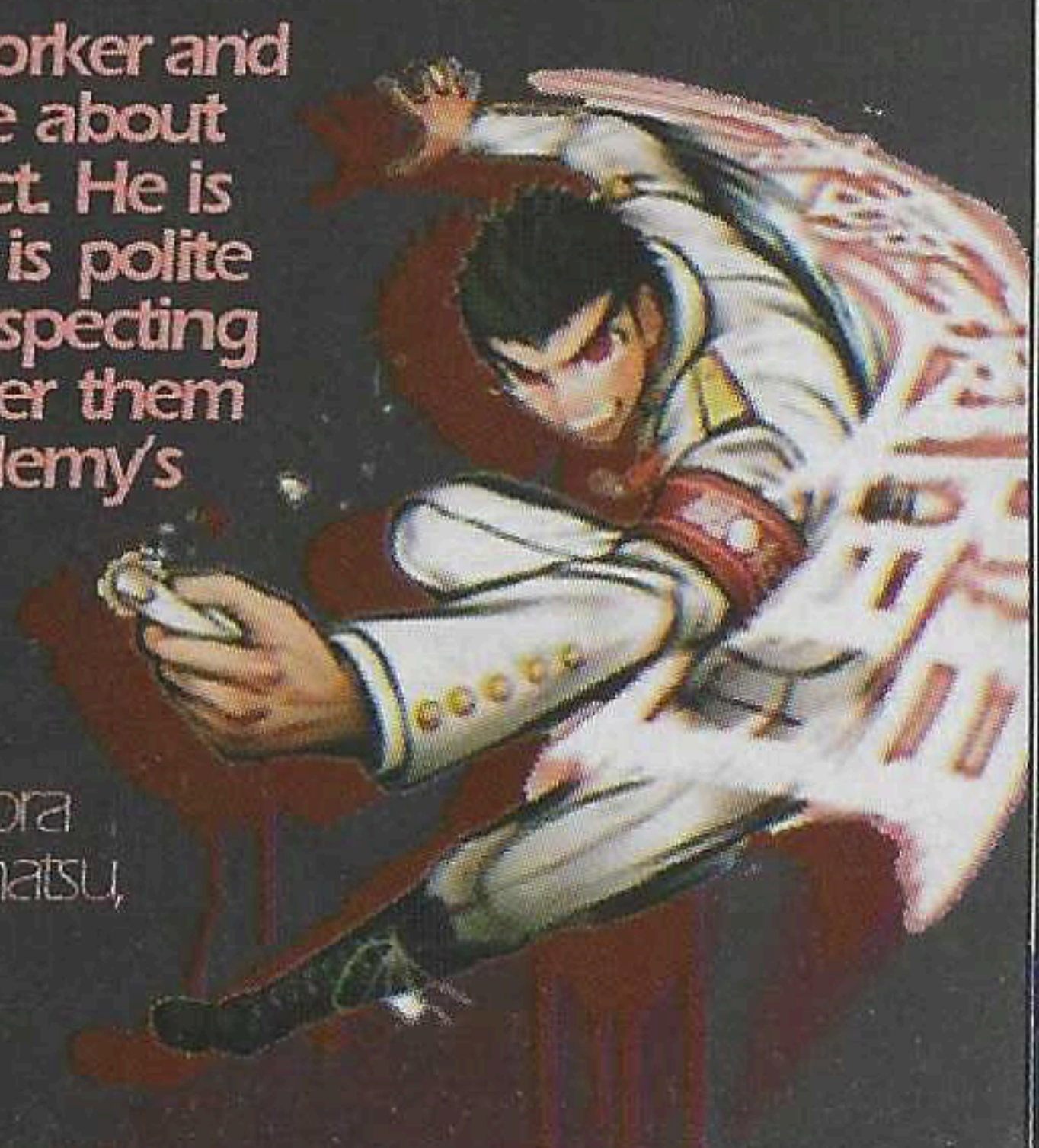
Seiyuu: Kappei Yamaguchi
(L, Death Note; Kuma, Persona 4 The Animation)

Kiyotaka Ishimaru:
Super Duper High School
Prefect

If there is one student who could probably live in peace in the academy without going out anymore, it would be Kiyotaka Ishimaru. He is a righteous student and wouldn't mind siding with what is more upright given the situation.

Kiyotaka is a diligent worker and he is always passionate about observing right conduct. He is the only student who is polite with Monokuma, still respecting the bear's authority over them within the academy's premises.

Seiyuu: Kousuke Toriumi
(Gilbert Nightray, Pandora Hearts; Kousuke Wakamatsu, Kuroko no Basket)



Junko Enoshima: Super Duper High School Fashion Girl



Junko Enoshima is the usual attractive face on the covers of the magazine. She is a well-known model of her generation, having been featured in different magazines all over Japan. She is a bit different in person though, as she has some freckles just below her eyes which can't be concealed. Her moods are exceptionally unpredictable; she can be happy at this very moment and depressed the next.

Seiyuu: Megumi Toyoguchi

(Sei Satou, Maria-sama ga miteru; Revy, Black Lagoon)

Byakuya Togami: Super Duper High School Scion

Byakuya confidently believes that he is an alpha male. He has high regards toward himself and to his family's name. He does not mingle much with other students, thinking that they are mere commoners. But even if he has a leave-me-alone attitude most of the time, Byakuya's sense of judgement is reliable and is considered a saving grace in times of trouble.

Seiyuu: Akira Ishida

(Kotaro Hoshizuki, Starry Sky, Gaara, Naruto)



The Game of Survival

The students have unlimited food and free access to comfortable rooms, almost like a perfect life in an academy hostel. Also, they can still communicate normally with each other. In fact, they may choose to live in the academy for eternity. However, when Monokuma starts showing the students discs containing videos from each of the student's families and friends, a huge turnaround happens. Upon seeing that their loved ones in the outside world are also suffering in the hands of Monokuma, they desperately want to get out of the academy.



How it possibly happened, they will never know until they escape. It is clear that Monokuma is attempting to provoke the students by igniting their anger and despair. Even if the students think that killing other people is an absurd idea, who knows what they might do to get out in the soonest time possible and survive?

The Guessing Game

The main concept of Monokuma's game is to lock up the students in the academy until they bail out on their own by killing their fellow students without getting caught. However, it does not stop there. The unfair justice system in the academy or also known as "The Class Trial" allows the students to debate over the death of a particular student to guess who the killer is, if such occurs. The killer has to keep his/her identity no matter what, and deny the killing to save himself/herself. If the students guess correctly, the killer will be dragged out of the trial and will be punished and killed accordingly. But if they arrive at a consensus and supposedly make a wrong guess, everyone but the killer will be exterminated and the killer can freely exit the academy.



Dangan Ronpa: The Animation tests one's morals amidst suffering. Whether or not the students want to play the game according to the rules, the biggest challenge is to not lose themselves in the process. In this survival game packed with an unprecedented villain, traitors, and unknown allies, the students have to try to escape from the hands of a certified tormenter, alive and sane.

The Gameplay and Art

The story takes place in the academy with only a few references to the outside world. It begins as an amusing story, the characters showing their confusion over the situation comically. They have been introduced on the first episode one by one, displaying their opposing personalities to one another. Since each of them has the title "Super Duper High School (insert stereotypical label here)", you can feel the tension among the characters while they are trying to outsmart one another. However, as the anime progresses, violence quickly advances as well. Monokuma would give them motives to kill and the students have to thoroughly investigate and rove on bloody cases while their number is rapidly decreasing due to suspicious deaths. Dangan Ronpa's animation is contemporary, which makes the setting realistic. The opening and ending themes have a raspy texture to them that adds to the sadistic nature of the anime.





Fantasy Quest 3 Live On!

Fernwood Gardens
August 25

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Con-In-Focus

Cosplayers spend time and effort on their costumes, wigs, props and make-up. To match their dedication, Cosplay Network Philippines created an event to celebrate them. An event held in the most beautiful gardens at the heart of the city, Fernwood Gardens, Fantasy Quest is the event for cosplayers and photographers alike.

VIP event

The day before the proper event, Otaku Asia was invited in a press conference. It was also the VIP event for those with VIP tickets on August 24 was for them to get a first glance of the location, to meet the two guests of honor and be the first to win prizes.

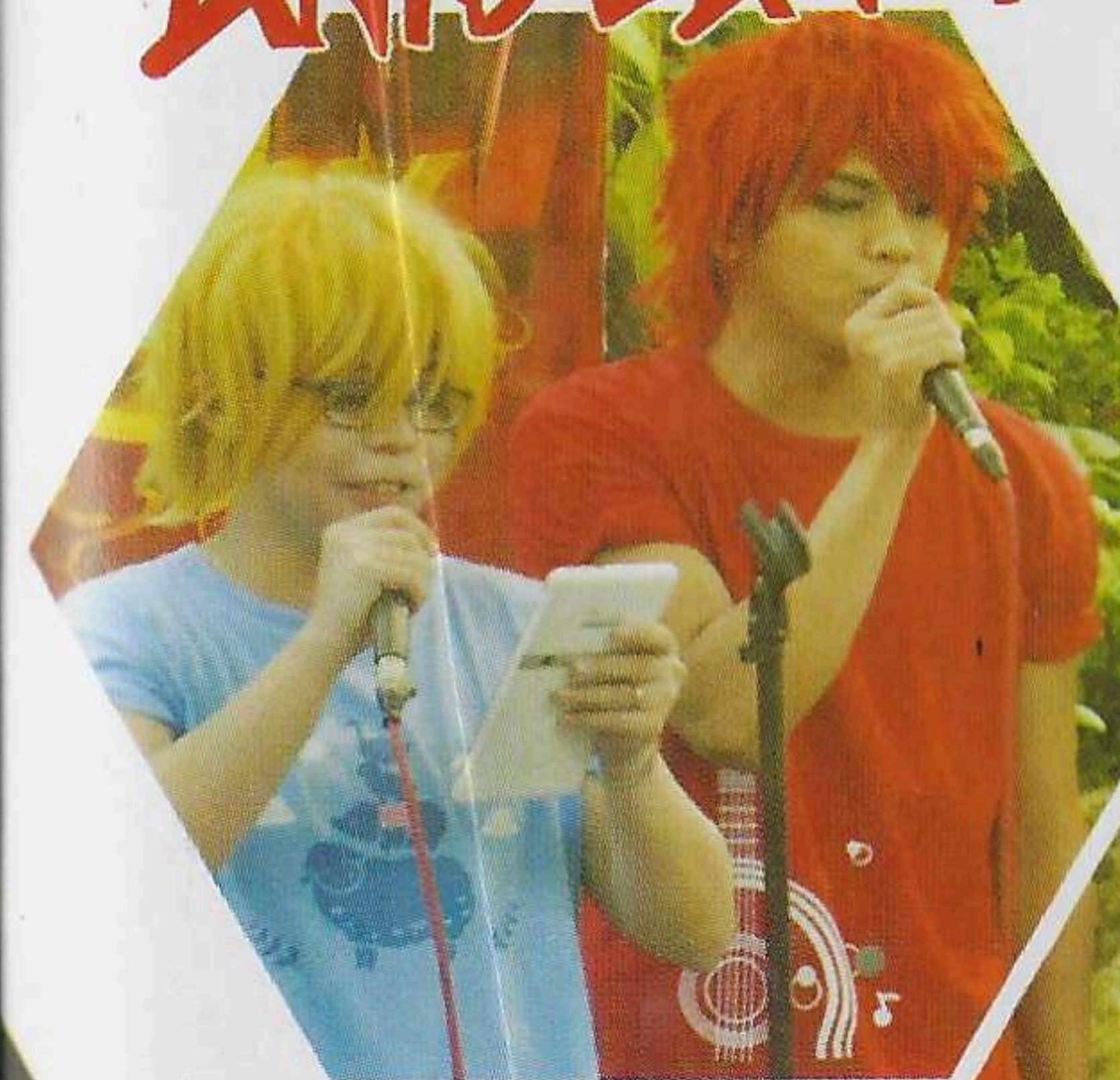
Usagi, a cosplayer from Japan, came to the Philippines solely for the event. AFA2011 judge, known for her game character cosplay such as Starry Sky Tsukiko Yahisa, Danganronpa Junko Enoshima and Vocaloid Megurine Luka. Available also on the event was her photobook, Rabbit Hutch 2013 for 700Php with both cosplay and original photos.

Another cosplayer invited was Zhel Guiral from Davao City. Part of the cosplay team, 4DL (4TheLove), she has cosplayed as Erza Scarlet, Tender Shall and Noctis. For her, cosplaying comes second to her work. She represented the PH during the Regional Cosplay Competition in Anime Festival Asia (AFA) 2011 and was champion! This year, she also qualified as a representative for the 2013 World Cosplay Summit. Cosplaying as Astharoshe (Trinity Blood) and Yue (Card Captor Sakura), Zhel proved that cosplaying can be awesome even if it's just a side hobby.



Zhel Guiral

ANIBEAT ROCKS!



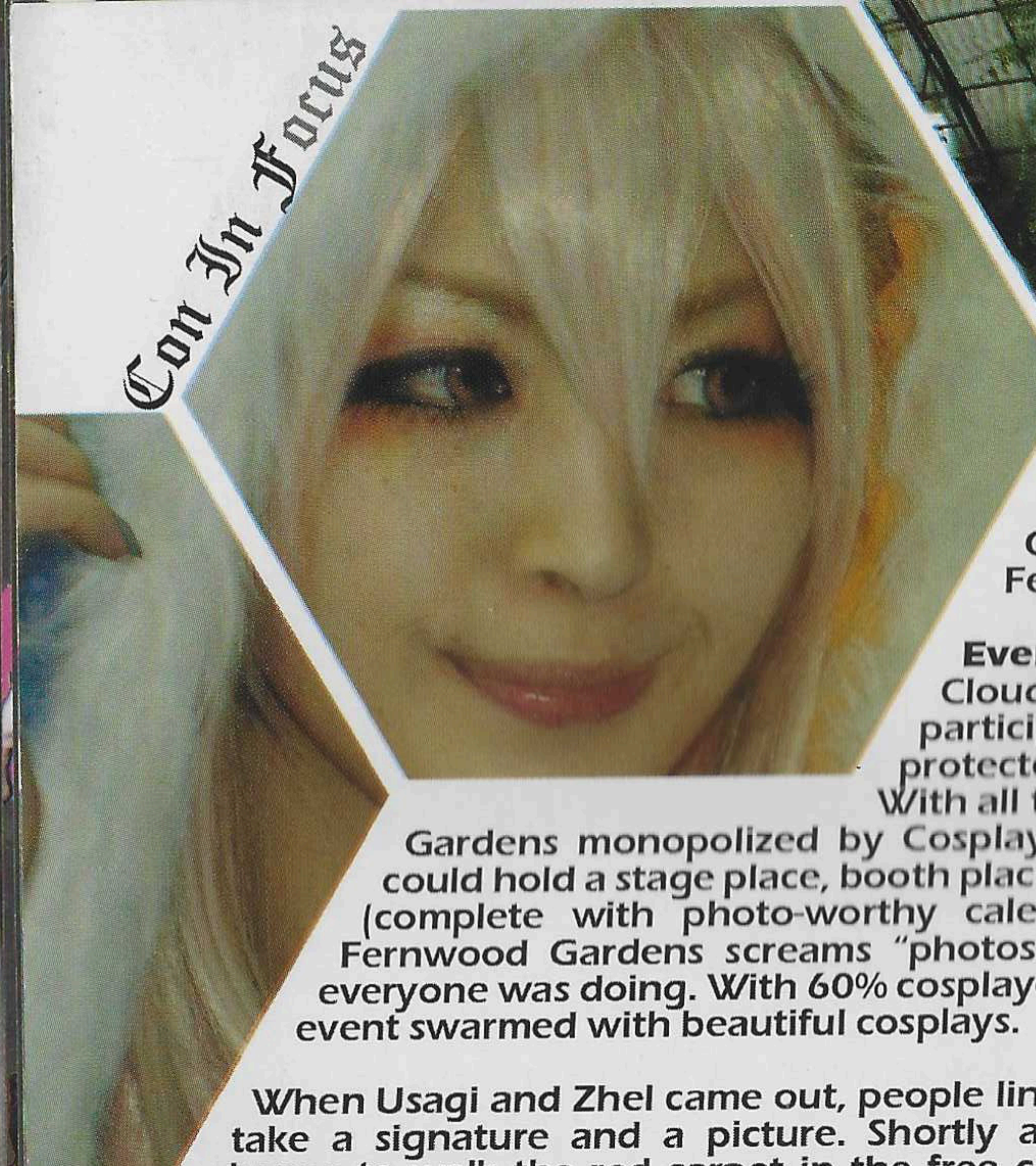
With limited crowd, cosplayers got first dibs on the event place and cameras were clicking away. The 700 peso VIP ticket was worth it.



Anibeat Rocks graced the VIP event with Vocaloid music along with their guest member, Lemon from Indonesia. The group has performed in conventions and festivals mainly singing and dancing covers of popular J-pop, anime and vocaloid songs. They won the JPOP Anime Singing Competition last 2010 and has been heard everywhere since.



Avid congoers, Raize and Aki, who have been to the last Fantasy Quest, were satisfied with the event and were surprised about the extra VIP day that wasn't present last time. Cosplayers, photographers and media came together, exchanging coscards, businesscards and the likes.



After a good night's sleep and some last minute touch-ups on our costumes, OA team headed once again to Fernwood Gardens.

Event Proper

Cloudy skies greeted the event participants. Good thing everyone was protected by the roof of the greenhouse. With all the four events place in Fernwood Gardens monopolized by Cosplay Network Philippines, the event could hold a stage place, booth place, courtyard and a free open space (complete with photo-worthy calesas). Every nook and cranny of Fernwood Gardens screams "photoshoot" and that is exactly what everyone was doing. With 60% cosplayers and 30% photographers, the event swarmed with beautiful cosplays.

When Usagi and Zhel came out, people lined up to exchange coscards, take a signature and a picture. Shortly afterwards, everyone got a chance to walk the red carpet in the free catwalk! Avid cosplayers to show off took the stage one by one going down the staircase and off the ramp. Some made short skits, some twirled and most posed for the cameras.

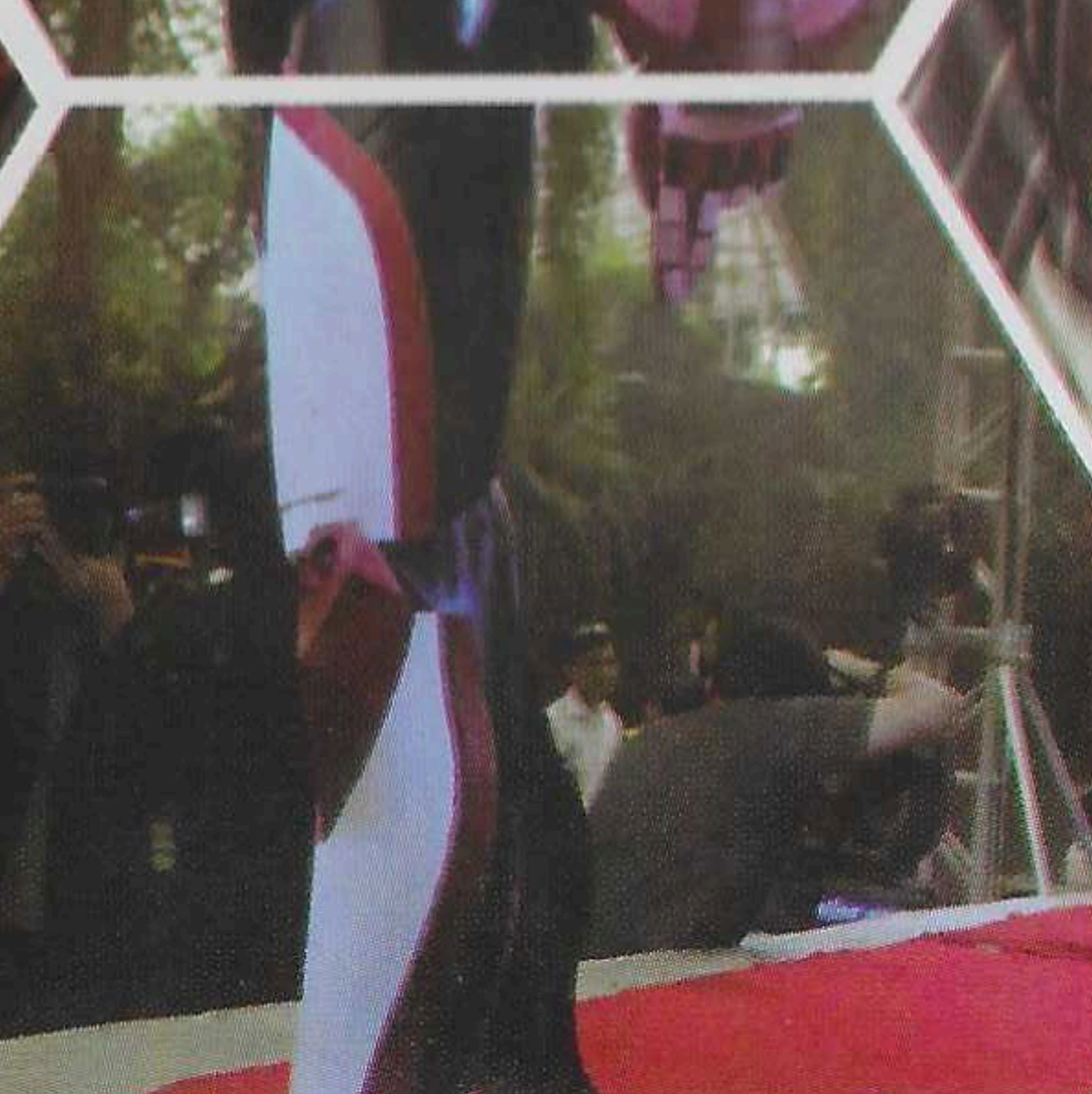
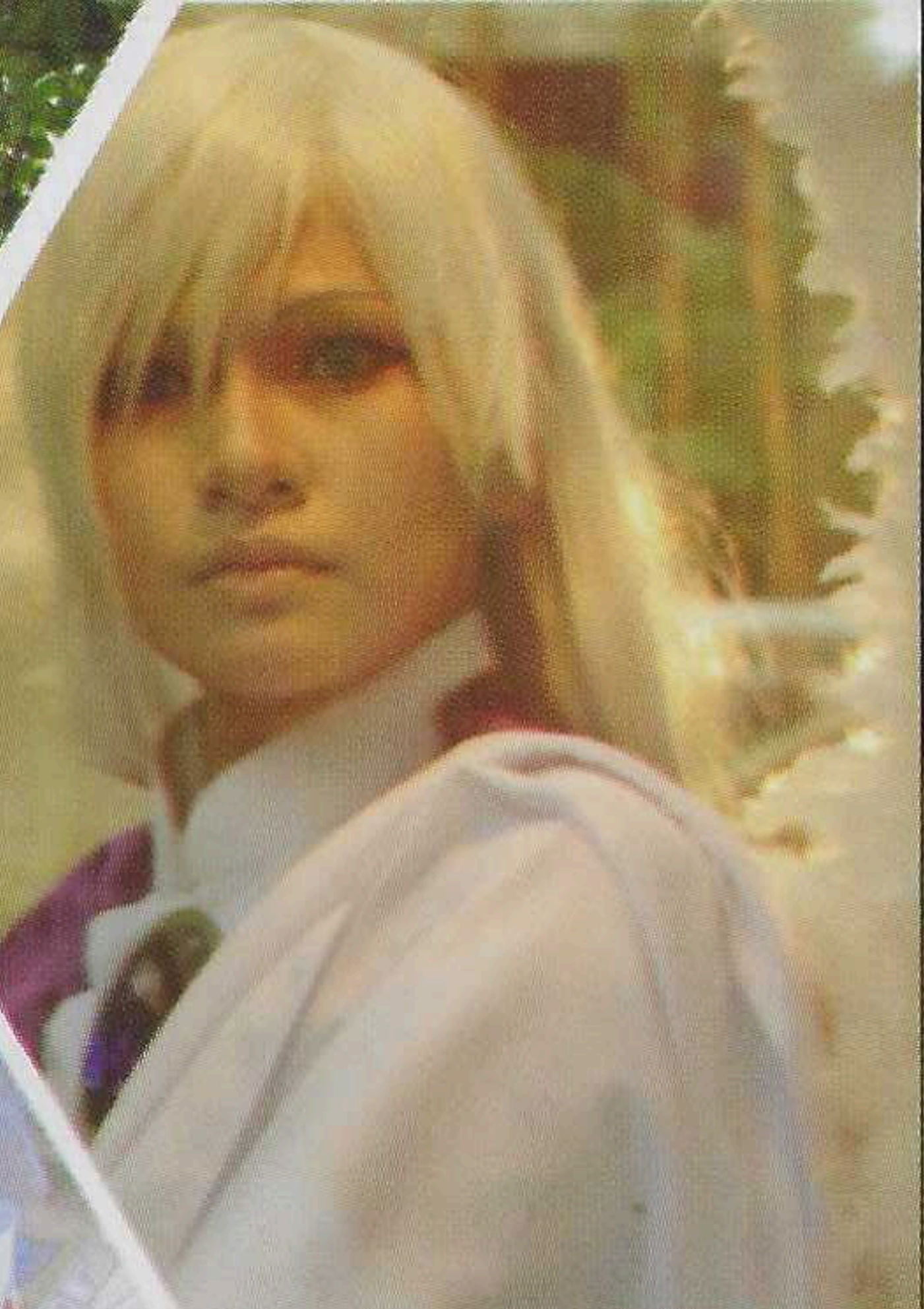
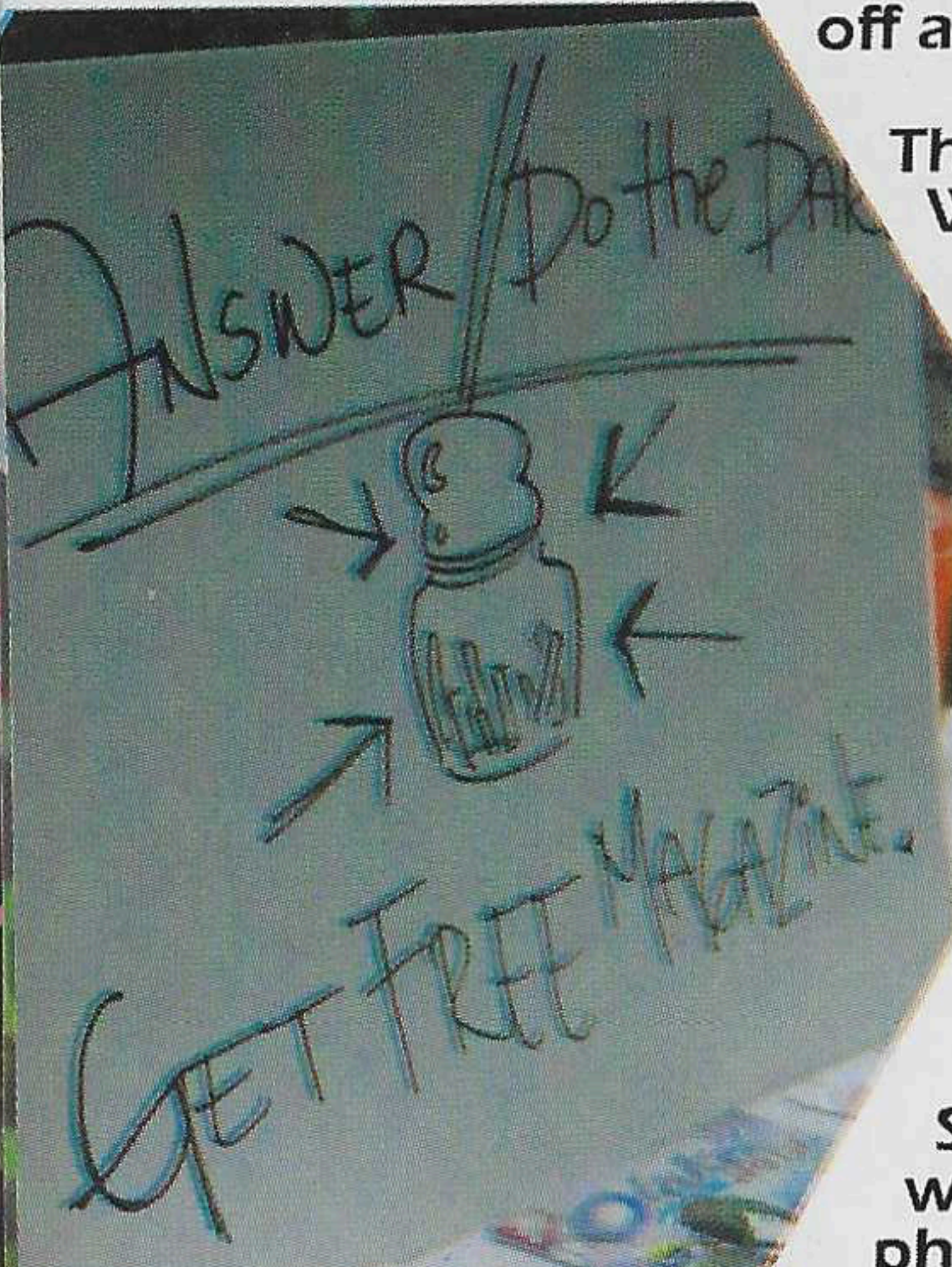
Back at the OA booth, people were having fun with the new giveaway style. Free magazine when and if you answer/do the dare from the jar. Ranging from easy to hard questions and dares from the classic animes to the recent to the popular. Not everyone got to answer but people had fun and that was what's important.

Onstage, CNPH kept on raffling away assorted items from swords, wigs, figmas, nendoroids, plushies to goodie bags. Given by sponsors, Vouge Royale, Greattoys Online, Urule!, Geolica and Fujifilm Instax. Lastly, they auctioned off a few stuff.

There was also a contest for the search of CNPH's Imagineer. Winners will become the brand ambassadors of Vouge Royal Cosplay and Geolica Philippines. Grand winners were Koleen Angela Mercado in League of Legends' Katarina and Jia Gold Bustamante in Syndra, also from LOL.

Amongst the sea of cosplayers were international cosplayers. To name a few, Purru, Phin, Arthur, Hime, Alify Adnin and Karen (Indonesia), Zeasonal No Sekail (Thailand), Naoya and Xrystal (Singapore). Unlike other events on the PH, they are here simply for the event, to have fun, to exchange coscards and to meet people.

Speaking of coscards, there was a coscard wall. People were invited to place their coscards, business cards, photographer cards on the wall for everyone to see.



There is no word on a FO4 but everyone in the event seemed to be very enthusiastic about coming to the next CNPH event.

As the night came closer, the weather became more and more sinister. However, everyone stayed for the next event.

Cosplay Ball...



The evening was filled with dancing and laughing. The last song played was 'Splash Free', the infamous ending song of Free! Iwatobi Swim Club. Jin Joson requested it and they danced~

All in all, Fantasy Quest 3: Live On! was a success. People enjoyed and went home delighted.

Otaku Asia team would like to thank CNPH especially Romeo Encisa, Mae Ngo, Fernwood Gardens, Usagi, Zhel and everyone who came.



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ANIMIX

WATCH ME PLAY: FIVE GAMES TURNED INTO ANIME

Persona 4 The Animation

Alternate universe is a common theme in games where the players may explore another world apart from the real world they're living in.

Similar to the game **Shin Megami Tensei: Persona 4** which branches out to perplexing circumstances, the anime version also gives only little to no hints of the crimes being investigated by the protagonist until the mid-episodes.

The main character, **Yu Narukami** will be living for one year in Inaba with his uncle and cousin. But shortly after his arrival, news about the murders of a TV broadcaster and the high school girl who found the broadcaster's body is reported. This suspicious series of events had Yu and his friends talk about a devious TV channel getting activated only during rainy midnights called "Midnight Channel".

It is believed to be an entry to a place reigned by the Shadows that was most likely the cause of crimes. Turned-off TV sets enable any person watching it to see his/her own alter-ego, and these personas are their only defense tool against the Shadows. Apparently, the protagonist has to build his social circle to acquire more assistance when it comes to investigations and cracking mysteries. Both the anime and the game give emphasis to "social links" or the growing social network of the protagonist.

This anime is highly recommended for people who have a knack for adventure, detective, and mystery genres per se.

Game developer: Atlus
Animation studio: AIC ASTA





Hakuouki Shinsengumi Kitan

The game of Hakuouki, as it had originally been, was based on some historical facts, **Shinsengumi** being an organization of special police that helped bring peace in the latter part of the Edo period. The male characters particularly were based on some of the premier members of the said organization. It was during that time when Kyoto was in extreme anarchy that the shogunate decided to form its special police. The civilians were obstructing Western infiltration in Japan by resorting to violent acts, and the Shinsengumi's job was to keep peace and order in Kyoto.

Game developer: Idea Factory
Animation studio: Studio DEEN

The anime followed the tradition of the game as an otome (having only one main female character). **Chizuru Yukimura** is headed to Kyoto to look for her long-lost father when she is attacked by felons. The Shinsengumi battles the assailants and a creature called oni (demon), then Chizuru is taken under their supervision. They later find out that she was the daughter of the doctor they were also searching for. Discovering the similarity in their objectives, the Shinsengumi decides to bring Chizuru along their mission and help her know her father's whereabouts.

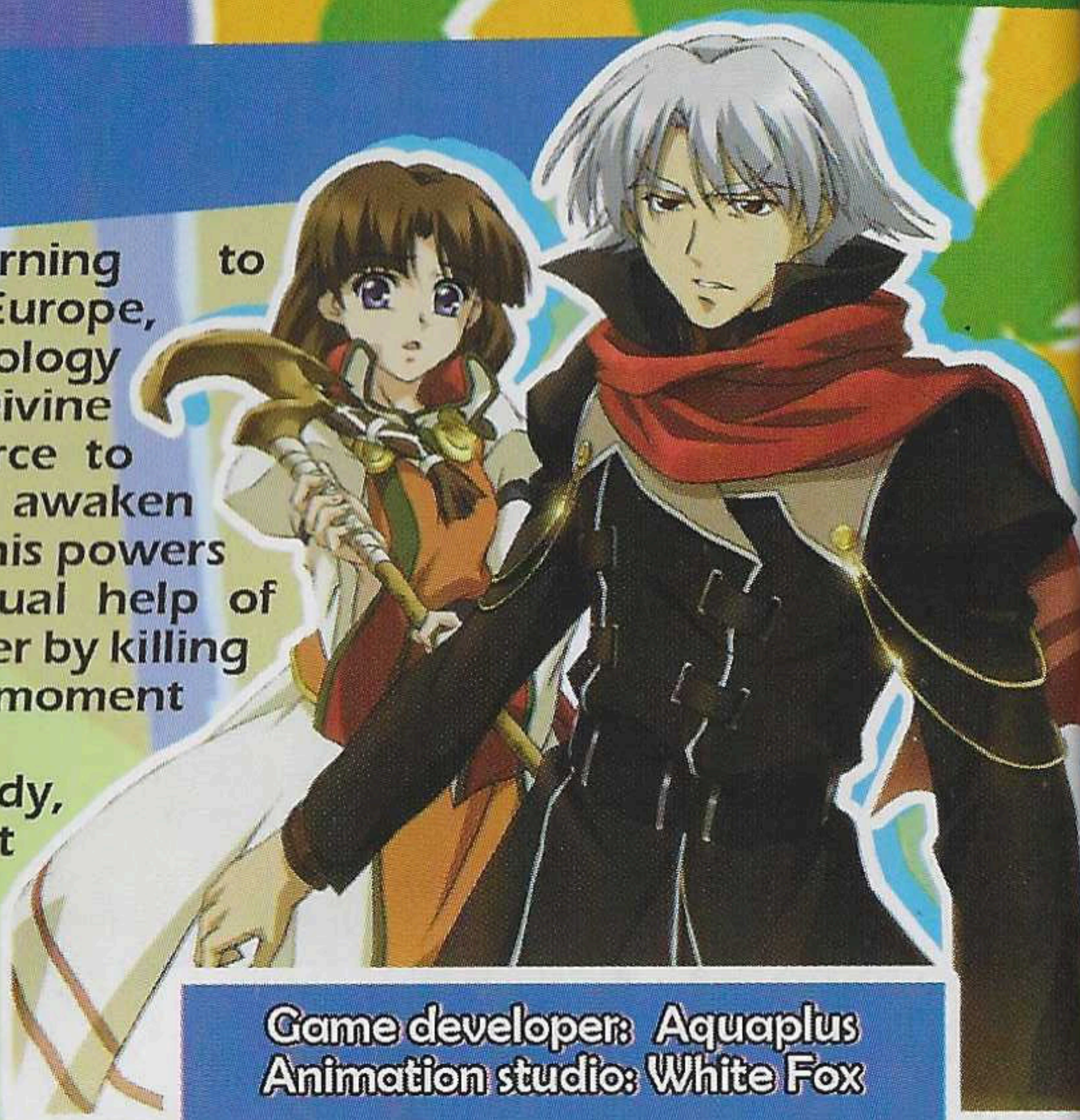
In both media, Chizuru plays the role of a damsel in distress while her protectors defend her from the villains. The members of the Shinsengumi are true to their word of protecting the heroine and the city of Kyoto. This much is expected of a breed of reverse harem anime and an otome game, but the well-developed characterization of the Shinsengumi and the amazing historical setting make it worth your time.

Tears to Tiara

Returning to the times of Medieval Europe, Tears to Tiara had references to Welsh mythology with Rhiannon as its main character. The Divine Empire being led by Drwc, has asked its force to abduct Rhiannon to serve as a sacrifice and awaken Arawn. Meanwhile, **Arawn** was awakened by his powers as Lucifer, the 13th angel, without the actual help of Rhiannon. Seeing the girl in distress, he saves her by killing Drwc. Rhiannon falls in love with him at that moment and had chosen him to be her husband.

The anime is a huge combination of comedy, fantasy, and romance. It did not differ that much from the game and both were intelligently fashioned. The character references were in-depth, and the production staff deserve much credit for the amount of research it took them to be able to come up with such an incredible game and anime.

If you have a knack for mythology and the Middle Ages, this is probably a must-watch anime for you.



Game developer: Aquaplus
Animation studio: White Fox



La Corda d'Oro ~primo passo~

A good combination specifically for newbie girl gamers is music and... bishounen! **La Corda d'Oro** tells the story of **Kahoko Hino**, a high school girl studying at Seiso Academy. She bumps into a tiny musical fairy named Lili who hands Kahoko a violin that would let her play any composition that she wanted. The gist is that she had to compete with other senior music students and be more confident about herself. Surrounded by handsome and talented music students, and Kahoko slowly getting emotionally involved with her competitors, the challenge that she accepted from Lili was even more than what she imagined to handle. However, her character progresses wonderfully with every person she interacted. She helps not only herself to grow but also the supporting characters.

A reverse harem and musical in the mix, **La Corda d'Oro** as its name suggests, will pluck the golden strings of music and allow its target audience to travel the musical journey.

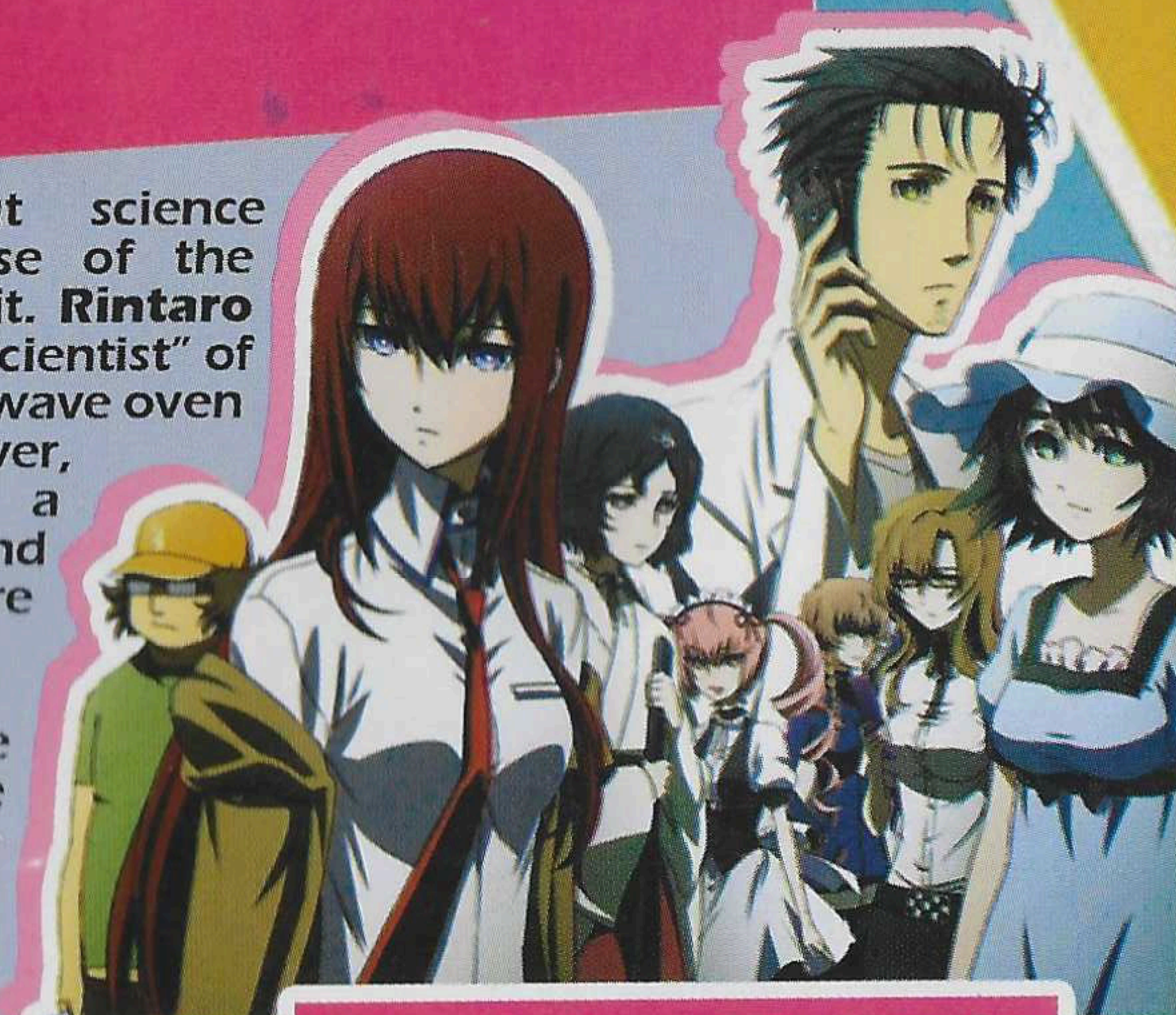
Game developer: Koei
Animation studio: Yumetai Company

Steins;Gate

Games about science have always been interesting because of the eccentric concepts that emerge out of it. **Rintaro Okabe**, having been labelled as a "mad scientist" of his time, morphs a cellphone and a microwave oven to send messages to the past. However, because of this successful endeavor, a group called SERN is pursuing Rintaro and his team in an attempt to selfishly secure the said invention.

Originally a Japanese visual novel, the **Steins;Gate Animation** tapped the time travelling taboo and brought out the complexities of this risky but exciting facet of science. The game itself allows the main character to travel to and fro in time and with various endings. On the other hand, the anime might come off confusing as Rintaro's team conducts a lot of time-bending experiments to test the machine's effectiveness.

Overall, anyone who enjoys scientific game adventures should also watch their anime counterparts.



Game developers: 5pb., Nitroplus
Animation Studio: White Fox

Hatoful Boyfriend



Developer(s): MIST[PST]PRESS
Platform(s): Microsoft Windows, Mac OS X
Release date: NA February 15, 2012
Genre(s): Dating simulation, Otome game
Mode(s): Single-player
Distribution: Download

Hatoful Boyfriend is a unique visual novel which features pigeons rather than the common human character as the guys you will choose from. It is more like a 'dating-pigeon' game. "Hato" is the Japanese word for pigeon which is used as a pun for the title Hatoful or Heartful. Developed by MIST PRESS and was released in the year 2012.

The main character is a human girl who is the only human attending St. PigeoNation's Institute. As an introduction, the male pigeons will be presented with their anime versions of what they look like as a human, though this can only be seen once. In the gameplay, the player is allowed to choose which classes to attend which will affect the character's stats depending on their chosen activities. Choosing a place to go will determine what bird character you will meet and whose love path will you be taking.

Some of the main 'pigeons' are:

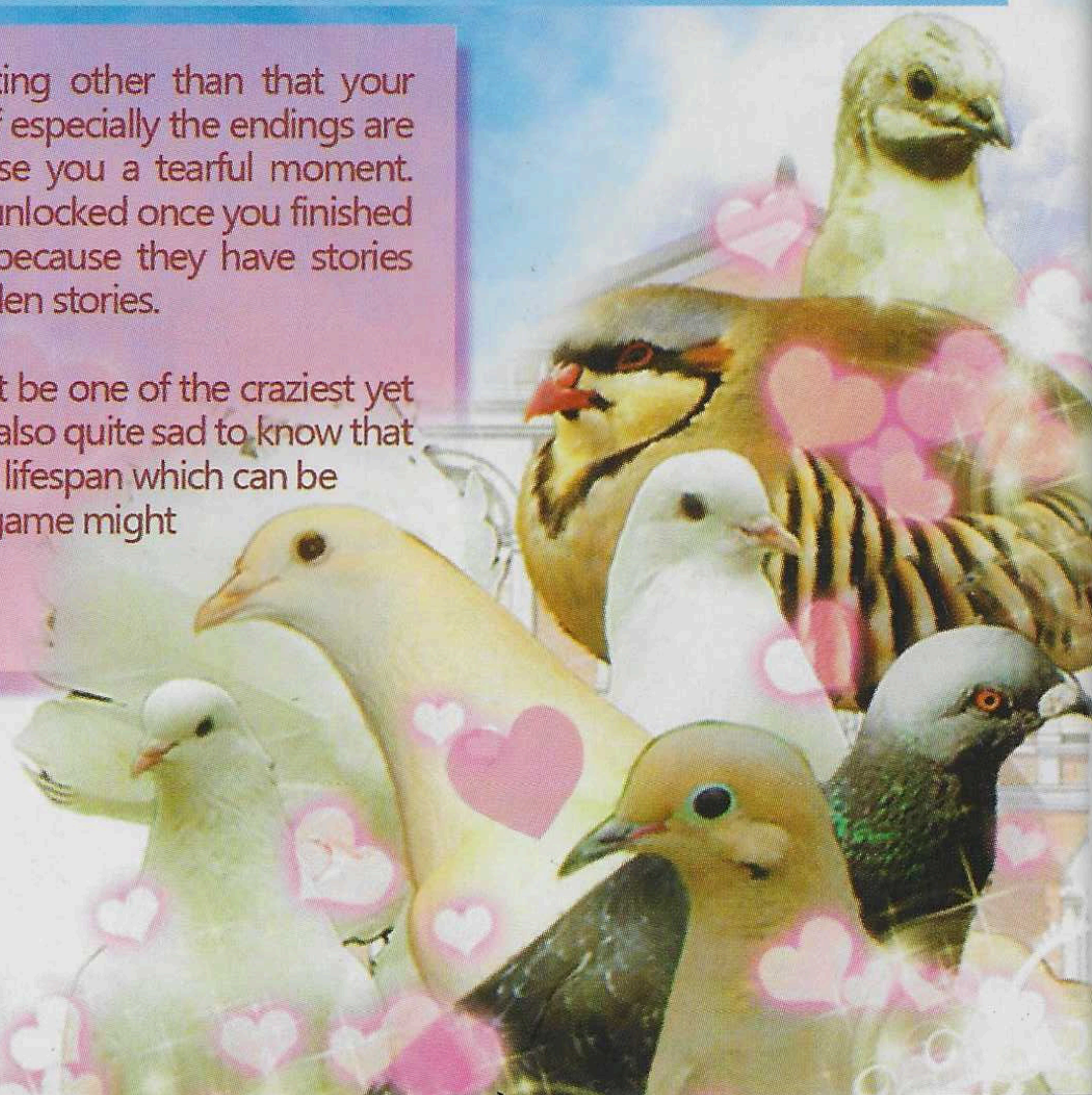
Kawara Ryouta, the rock dove and a childhood friend of Hiyoko. A mischievous yet responsible guy who even knows how to cook. Though he has a poor health and often goes to the infirmary. He is also a sophomore in class 2-3.

Kazuaki Nanaki, the button quail who is the mild-mannered Mathematics teacher of class 2-3 of St. PigeoNation's. He is an intelligent bird but is a narcoleptic and sleeps in the middle of a lecture.

What made this game more interesting other than that your partners are birds, is that the story itself especially the endings are well done and some might even cause you a tearful moment. There are more characters that will be unlocked once you finished the game and it is quite fascinating because they have stories which will explain other character's hidden stories.

Having pigeons as a love interest might be one of the craziest yet entertaining game plot ever made. It is also quite sad to know that humans and birds don't have the same lifespan which can be tragic to a love story. Who knows, this game might change on how we see birds.

So everybirdie must try this out!



the Second Reproduction

Developer: Heterodoxy

System: PC ((Windows XP/7/Vista))

Genre: Dating Sim/Otome game

Rating: Teen 15+

ABOUT THE GAME

In the era where humans and demons are in the midst of a war, one girl stood up against the Demon race and won countless battles, earning the title as the "True Champion". Christina, the youngest of the 3 princesses of Almenan, is feared by the demons. Knowing that her daughter can face the Demon Lord and might as well end his reign, Queen Helaris orders Christina to a secret mission along with her most loyal knight Lezette to assassinate the Demon Lord and finally give peace to humanity. For the sake of the kingdom, Christina and Lezette set off to Deathryde, the place of the Demon Lord named Gardis. But as Christina meets him, Gardis welcomed both of them with open arms and allowed them to stay in his castle. He even invited them to kill him if they wish to do so. Now, will she be able to finish him off if he turns out not as ruthless as they thought? Or will Christina fall for the Demon Lord himself?

Second Reproduction, or Queen of Darkness: The Second Reproduction is an otome game developed by Heterodoxy and was released 2008. The game sets in the same timeline as Queen of Darkness, the circle's first game, serving as a sequel to the first story. The art style is superb and detailed especially in the cutscenes. Character designs are varied as well, giving the players a hard time in choosing which ending route they would want to take.

Christina, as the main character, has the typical tsundere attitude and is quite close-minded. The game offers 3 routes to choose from starting with Gardis, the Demon lord, turns out to be the opposite of what they thought a demon lord should be. He acts quite perverted, a slacker and really childish. Despite having those traits, he is actually a kind guy who would never make Christina do something she doesn't want to. Lezette, Christina's most trusted knight and closest friend, has his feelings for her that can be very noticeable right from the start. He can be seen jealous at Christina and Gardis at times. Lastly is Jin, Gardis' Prime Minister who is a happy-go-lucky demon.

Like every visual novels, this game has a good and a bad ending. Anyone of the 3 guys you might choose to be with will offer a great plot either good or bad. It also has a Valentine Plans special which will show more comical and added romance to the pairs. You just have to choose whether to pick the best friend path, the psycho-friendly demon path or the Demon Lord-turns-out-to-be-kind path! Enjoy!



HYPERDIMENSION NEPTUNIA™



Competition – a word thrown around quite a lot in the gaming industry. And when I say competition, I don't just mean between the players themselves, but also between the companies who develop different games and consoles. And if gaming means fun and leisure for us, it means business to them. However, just because that's how they see it doesn't mean it couldn't be viewed in a more light-hearted way. And what better way to do so than through an anime based from a game? After all, that's what gaming is all about – a means to temporarily escape life's seriousness. Thus, we get **Hyperdimension Neptunia: The Animation**, an anime adaptation of the PS3 game **Hyperdimension Neptunia**.

Set in the land of Gamindustri after the Console War, there four countries, each governed by a beautiful and powerful goddess - Lastation by **Noire (Black Heart)**, Lowee by **Blanc (White Heart)**, Leanbox by **Vert (Green Heart)**, and Planeptune by **Neptune (Purple Heart)**. After the **Console War**, the four goddesses decide to have a treaty of friendship, stating that the four of them will no longer be going against each for **Shares**, feelings of trust for the goddess, but will be helping each other out instead to get them. And while not on duty as goddesses, the four of them hang out with each other and help each other out in times of need – proof that their friendship is not only based on the treaty.



The art is just so warm, vivid, and colorful, bringing to life the vibrant all-girl cast and the luscious backgrounds, as expected of an anime that is not only an adaptation of a game but also of how an imagined world of the gaming industry would be like.

The main characters, aside from the four of them being very pretty girls, have very different personalities, ranging from free-spirited and carefree to serious and uptight, which affect the dynamics of their relationships with each other. But the goddesses aren't just all about sweet stuff and friendship, as they can also pack a mean punch with their HDD forms complete with sexy outfits and cool weapons.



Also, something to thing to look forward to in the anime are the different references and allusions to common things and tropes found and associated with specific games and anime, as well as the gaming industry itself in general, most of which are dead giveaways. This is a plus side, as this proves that the show not only knows its audience, but it also knows how to make them happy and relate to them.

All in all, while **Hyperdimension Neptunia** doesn't really explain the nitty-gritty dark details of the gaming industry in a realistic manner, it mirrors it through the use of an MMORPG-like world, four pretty goddesses who can kick serious butt, and evil monsters and masterminds. And it does so in gleeful enthusiasm and self-indulgence.

MEET YOUR GODDESSES



NEPTUNE

Neptune is a happy-go-lucky and lazy girl who would rather play games all day instead of taking on more serious and necessary tasks such as running Planeptune or finding out ways on how to gain more Shares. Because of this, she asks the other goddesses to help on how to act like an actual one.



NOIRE

Noire is a goddess who is very keen and focused on serving her country Lastation. Not only that, she's quite grumpy and demanding sometimes as well. But she's not all work and no play, she actually has time to hang out with the other goddesses, even going out of her way to help Neptune in her quest to become a true goddess.



BLANC

If you think Noire is a workaholic, wait until you meet Blanc. Not only is she spending too much time on work, she is also too hard on younger twin sisters, Rom and Ram by yelling at them just because they're children who don't know much aside from playing. However, even though she's quite rough on them, she wouldn't hesitate on giving a beatdown to anyone who'd lay a hand on her beloved sisters.



VERT

While Vert is seemingly able to balance her time between duties for the technologically-advanced country of Leanbox and hanging out with her friends, she definitely has trouble with her addiction towards online games. Despite that fact, she's very willing to not only extend a hand to her friends in times of trouble, but also fight for them if needed.

written by Marble Phantasm

Lucian the Purifier

Shortly after the arrival of Aatrox the Darkin Blade, a new champion enters the fray. League of Legends introduces a new addition to its legendary lineup, **Lucian the Purifier**.

Driven by his hatred for the undead, the lone guardian walks a grim mission of purging the spirits ensnared by his nemesis along with his lover's soul. Equipped with twin relic weapons and an unwavering conviction, Lucian is determined to wipe out all the maddening horrors from the face of Runeterra and none shall hinder his path.

"Be grateful.
By slaying
you now,
I spare
you an
eternity of
torment."

Lightslinger [Innate]

After the use of ability, Lucian's next auto attack will strike twice. The second shot may prove fatal depending of Lucian's AD.

Piercing Light [Q]

Lucian fires a slightly delayed laser in a straight line that deals physical damage to all enemies.

Ardent Blaze [W]

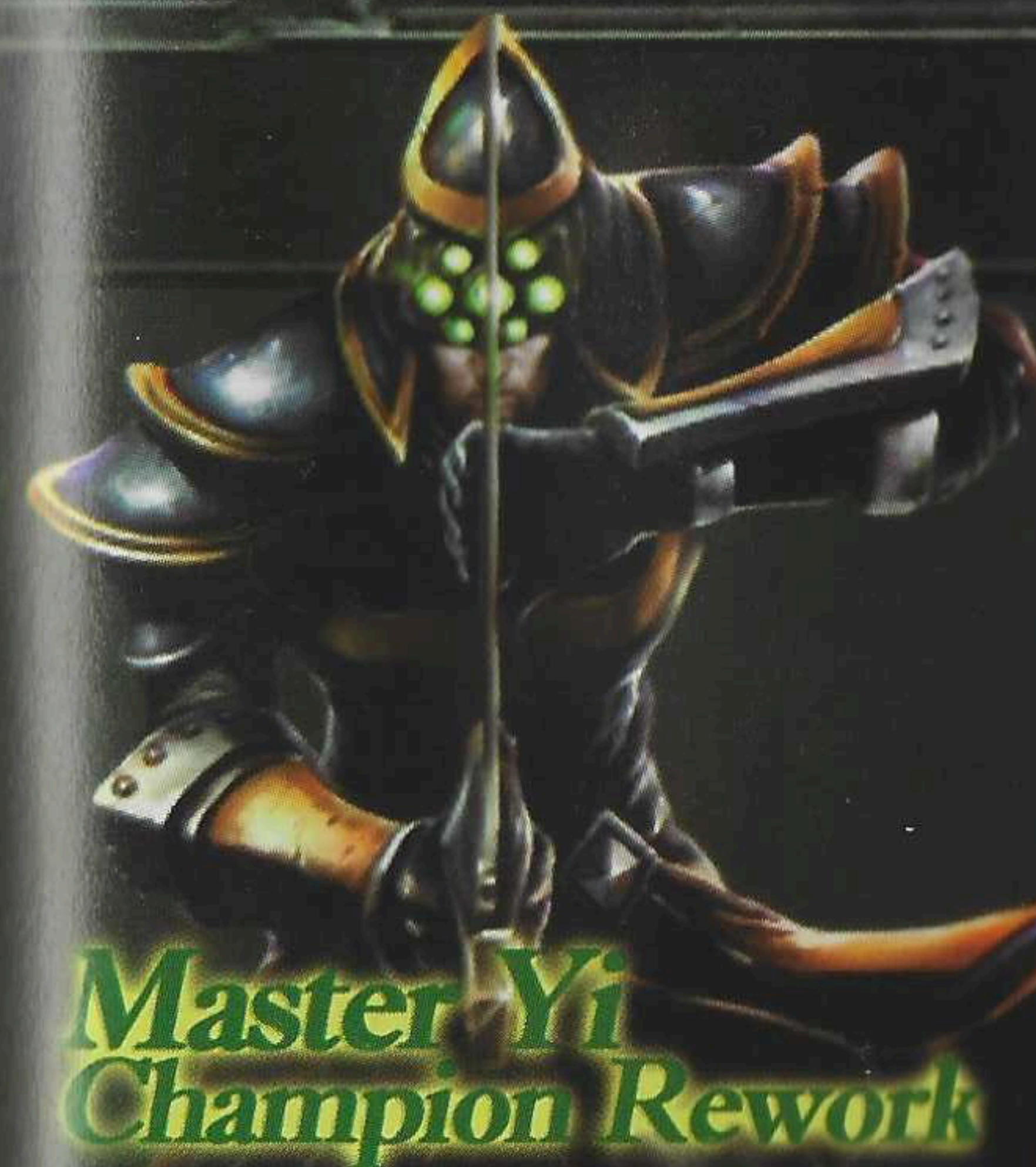
Fires a shot that explodes upon contact or when it reached its range limit which damages enemies and marks all that is caught in the explosion for 6 seconds. Whenever Lucian damages a marked enemy with an auto attack or ability, Lucian gains additional movement speed for 2 second and the mark will not be consumed.

Relentless Pursuit [E]

Dashes a short distance and removes all slow down de-buff. Automatic cool down if Lucian scores a kill or an assist during the Culling.

The Culling [R]

Lucian starts a trigger happy barrage in a targeted direction for 3 seconds and damages the first enemy it hits. This channeled abilities' number of shots depends on Lucian's attack speed. Reactivating this ability will cancel the Culling.



The Wuju Bladesman received a refreshing champion rework along with a new model. Many claims states that AP Yi is no more, but fret not, Master Yi still proves his dominance in the jungle and solo lane. This heavy hitter has truly evolved into the ultimate high-risk, high-reward champion worthy of being called a true Highlander.

"The edge of the sharpest blade is no match for the calm of the peaceful mind."

Champion Role Name Changes

After much thought and discussions, Riot has decided to reinvent the champion's role names and definitions to easier classify each champion. A champion's role determines his/her value or worth for the team which basically sets other team member's expectations. To clear up a common misconception, Role differs from Position. The former is as stated above while the latter refers to where a champion may lane, be it mid, top, bottom or jungle.

Marksman

Ranged attackers that sacrifices defense for power. They focus on dealing great damage on individual targets and mostly uses their basic attacks rather than their abilities. They are proven to be very useful and could carry the team within a game's late phase.

Fighter

Fighters are melee hybrids that possess both offensive and defensive capabilities. Mostly starts as a balanced fighter but gradually becomes a major threat depending on the player's build.

Support

Support can be considered as the team's playmaker by sustaining their team with buffs, heals and crowd control. They create opportunities that may give the team a flavor of victory.

Tank

Tanks are the considered as the most durable vanguard of the team. They are gifted with high hit points, defense or magic resistance depending on a player's build. They could also be situational initiators that may lead the team to victory.

Mage

Mages are champions that rely on their powerful abilities over basic attacks. They are typically long range champions that deals tons of damage in the blink of an eye which proves their impact on the team.

Assassin

These agile killers are also opportunistic hunters that spend most of their time wandering throughout the map with the task of killing and disabling all those that crosses their path. Their unannounced visits and sudden jump into the fray may prove fatal for each team.

Double Strike [Innate]

Every fourth consecutive basic attack, Yi strikes the enemy twice, dealing 50% damage on the second strike. Critical damage may occur.

Alpha Strike [Q]

Master Yi leaps and becomes invulnerable while striking up to 4 enemies which deals physical damage then reappears at the initial target's location. Alpha strike will now bounce towards the nearest enemy.

Meditate [W]

Master Yi channels for up to 4 seconds which restores his health and reduces incoming damage. Damage reduction is halved against turrets.

Wuju Style [E]

Passive: Master Yi gains additional attack damage base on skill

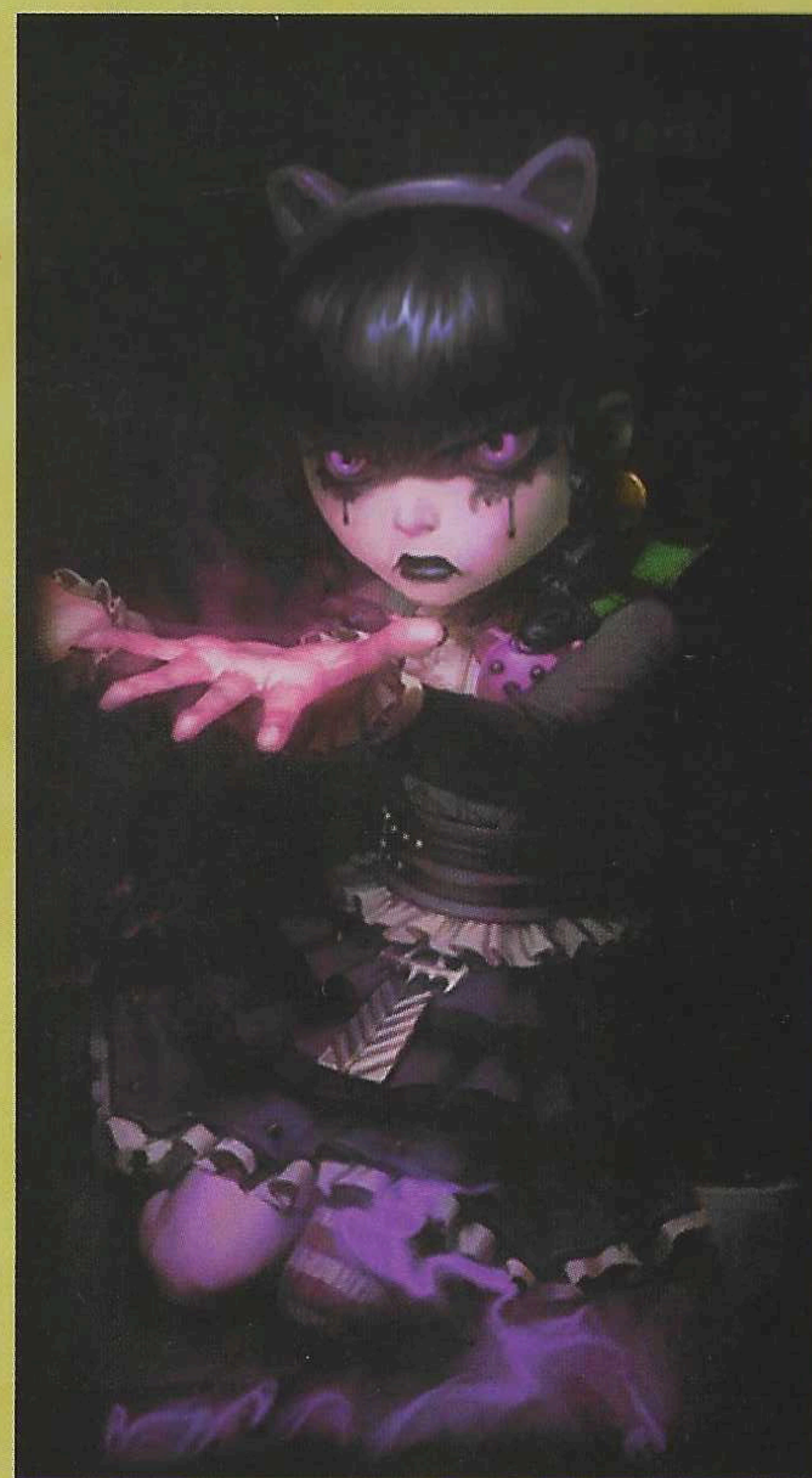
Active:

Master Yi's basic attack deals true damage for 5 seconds. Passive ability is turned off while active is on.

Highlander [R]

Passive: Reduces cool down of Master Yi's other abilities by 18 seconds whenever a champion is killed, and 9 seconds for assist.

Active: Gains additional movement and attack speed upon activation for the duration of 10 seconds. While active, kills and assist extends Highlander's duration for 4 seconds.



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LEAGUE of LEGENDS

TO THE FIELDS OF JUSTICE

MOBA or Massive Online Battle Arena is a game genre that started from Starcraft's "Aeon of Strife" where the hero is the only unit the player is allowed to control. Following this concept, Defense of the Ancients (DotA), a Warcraft III custom map added more features such as purchasable items that boosts the hero's abilities, defending towers in all three lanes and ultimately destroying the enemy team's core structure. In the midst of DotA's global popularity over the years, three new MOBA games are introduced for the world to play. And one of those three is League of Legends.

League of Legends is a MOBA game created by Riot Games that uses the destruction of the core structure called "Nexuses" as the game's main objective. Aside from the classic mode, two more game modes with different victory conditions are introduced : Dominion and All-Random-All-Mid. The player assumes the role of a summoner calling forth spectacular warriors to battle in the Fields of Justice.

These warriors are referred to as "Champions", and all of them joined the League of Legends for various reasons. Some are soldiers fighting for the interests of the nation they pledged allegiance with. Some are hailed as one of the strongest warriors in Valoran who seek more worthy opponents. Some are homicidal maniacs that sees the League as the perfect place to bring forth insanity. Regardless of their reason, they have gained the interest of the League of Legends.

Based on a champion's skills and attribute, they are assigned into roles that only certain champions can fulfill in a team. Regardless of whether the champion is specialized in physical or magical attacks, they can be categorized into one of the five roles: Fighter, Tank, Mage, Assassin, Support, and Marksman.

As of June 13 of this year, there are currently 114 available champions with Aatrox, the Darkin Blade as the latest addition to the League.

Note: Out of the 114 champions, only 10 are selected based on the writer's preferences. In spite of that, the following information and insight about them are guaranteed bias-free.

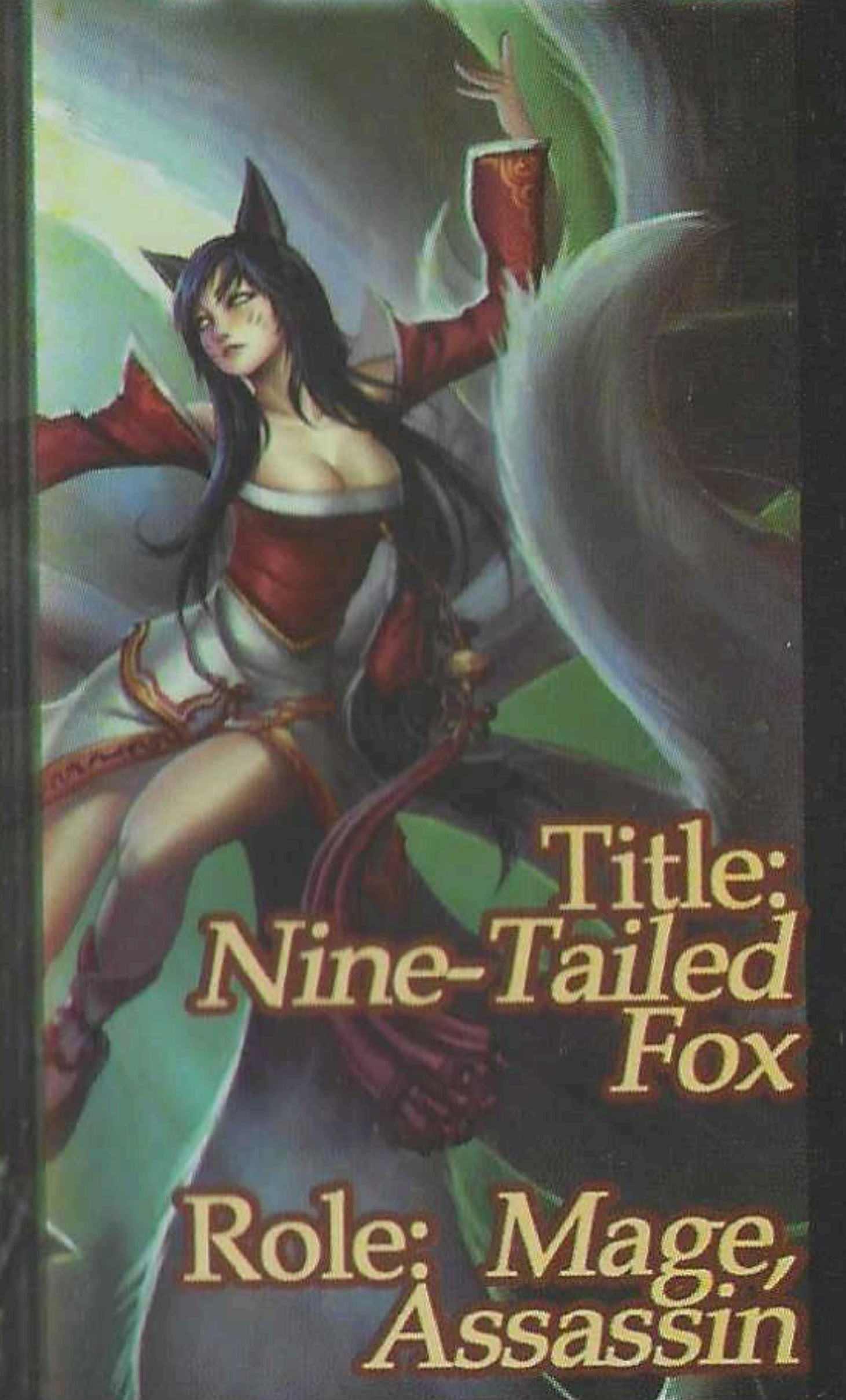
Ahri yearns for the day she finally became a human so that she could abandon the ill fitted appearance she had been born into. When she happened to witness the aftermath of a skirmish between humans, Ahri was drawn to a robed man whose life was quickly slipping away. From that moment, even if she didn't know how it happened, Ahri understood that her goal of becoming human is now achievable.

Adapting herself to the customs of human society, Ahri uses her seductive beauty to lure unsuspecting men into consuming their life essence in exchange for granting their desires. Her method indeed brought Ahri closer to her dream, but a feeling of regret starts to bother her as she took more lives. For the reason that she couldn't resist her morality — something that never occurred to her as a fox, Ahri turned to the Institute of War for a solution. She is given the chance to achieve humanity without further sacrifices by becoming a champion in the League of Legends.

About the Champion: Ahri is a ranged mage who uses a magical orb to decimate her opponents. As a mage, she is usually seen in the middle lane, but there are times that Ahri is placed at the top or bottom lane if the the team has another mage or a marksman taking her original position. Ahri is significantly a strong champion when it comes to teamfights. Not only can she close into two or more champions, she can easily move back from the safe zone while dealing burst damage.

"If you'd like to play with me,

AHRI



Title:
Nine-Tailed
Fox

Role: Mage,
Assassin

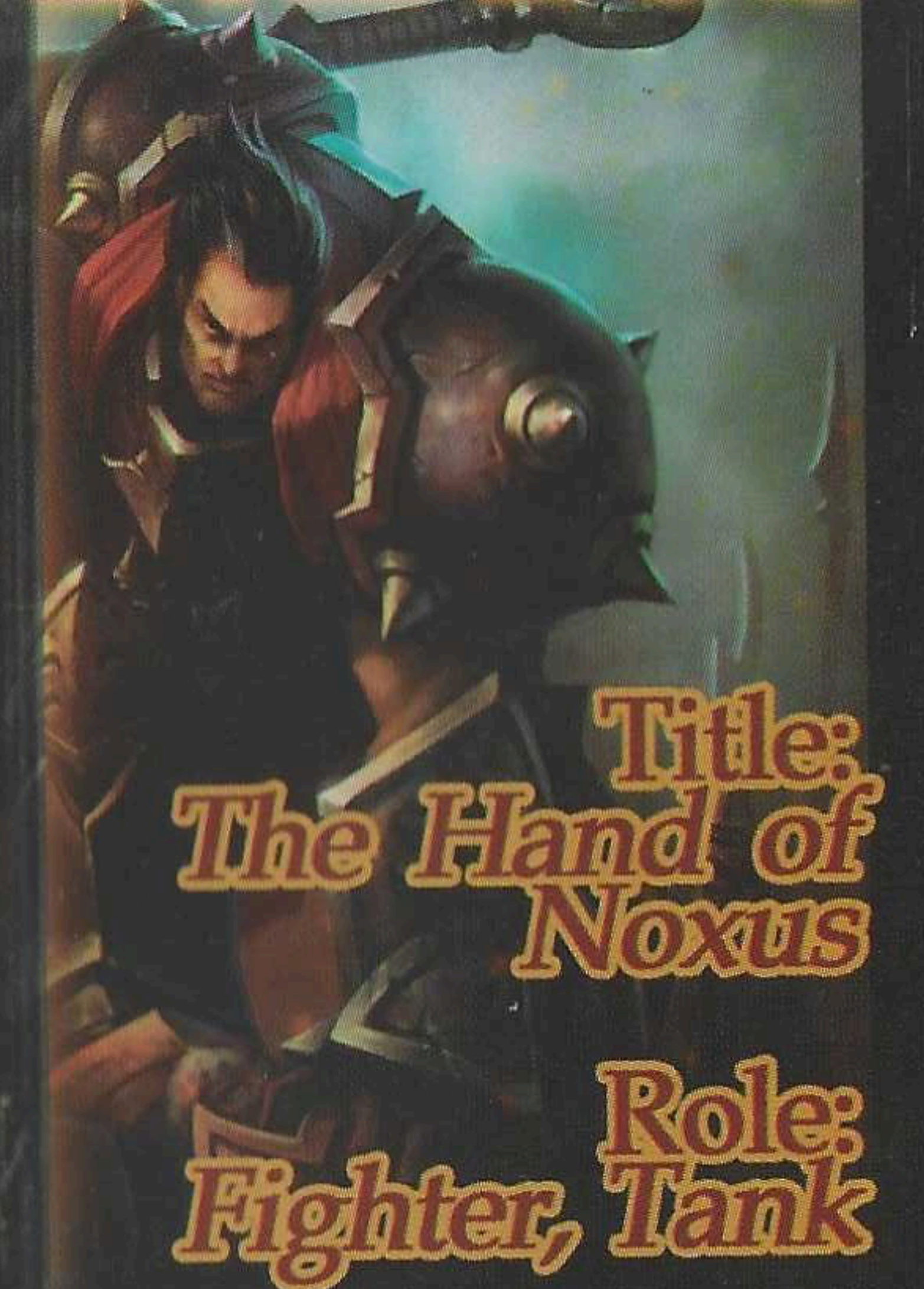
Darius is the nation's most feared and battle-hardened warrior. If there's something he won't tolerate, that would be cowardice. During a crucial battle against Demacia, Darius' captain issued an order to retreat as they were exhausted and outnumbered. Refusing to accept his superior's act of cowardice, Darius broke the formation, making his way towards the captain and beheaded him on the spot.

He then led his fellow soldiers who were both terrified and inspired by his actions into battle. They fought with power and fervor until they emerged victorious. Seeking to restore Noxus from its former glory, Darius decided to execute incompetent figureheads corrupting the nation. Some took it as an act of usurping the throne, but Darius has someone in mind to become the next leader of Noxus.

About the Champion: Darius is a melee fighter usually seen at the top lane utilizing his exceptional harassment ability, making it difficult for enemy champions to advance and farm during the early game. In addition to his strong attack damage, Darius' durability allows him to survive longer in the lane. He also makes a good support tank for the team's marksman in the bottom lane.

"Noxus will rise..."

DARIUS



Title:
The Hand of
Noxus

Role:
Fighter, Tank

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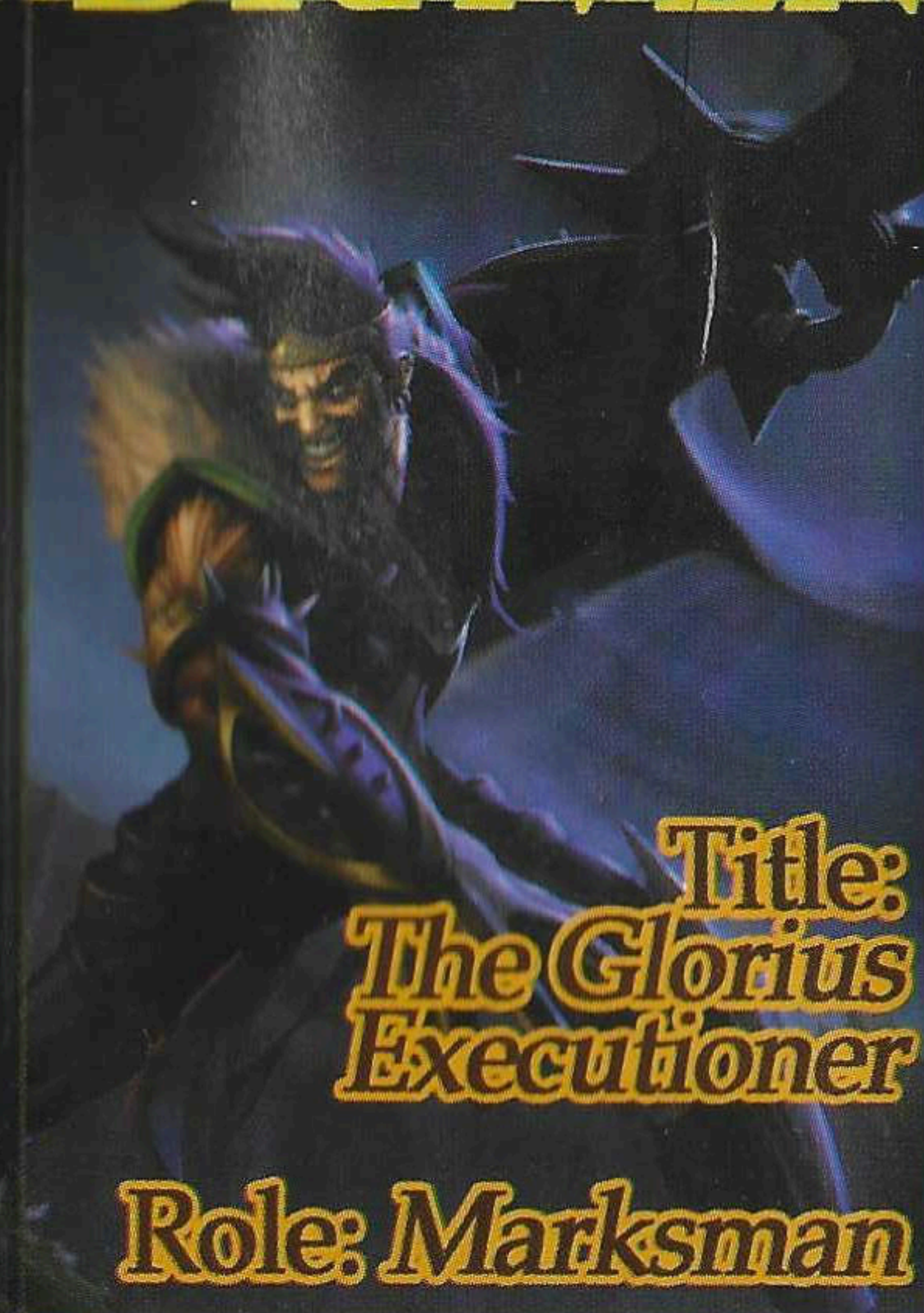
DRAVEN

Draven's lust for glorification made him unsatisfied with simply winning a battle. He never got the recognition he wanted in the military as his actions were underappreciated. But when he became an executioner in a Noxian prison, he made his executions into a spectacular event for the audience to see.

As Draven keeps getting showered with adoration, his already-inflated ego continues to grow. Because Draven loves bathing in the spotlight, he decided that the scope of his exploits should be known throughout Runeterra.

About the Champion: Draven is a marksman who does it all... with style! Positioned at the bottom lane where all marksman class champions are. His gameplay relies on using and catching his spinning axes more often in conjunction with Draven's ability to boost his attack speed for a short period of time. Draven receives bonus gold by spending half of his adoration points when killing a champion, making him one of the few who can get rich as early as possible in the game.

"Draven does it all... with style!"



Title:
The Glorious Executioner

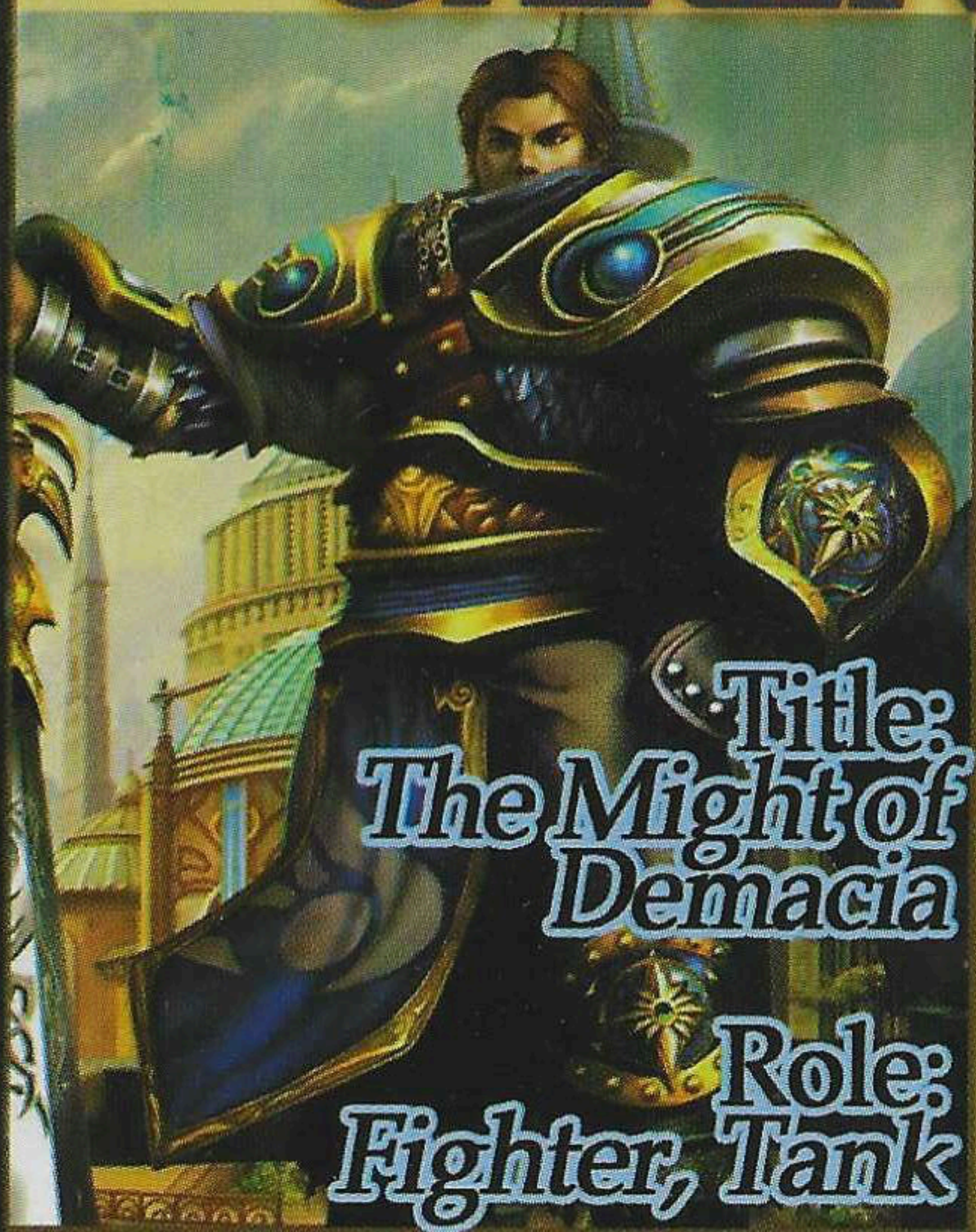
Role: Marksman

GAREN

Bearing the title "Might of Demacia", Garen is the epitome of Demacia's ethics and leader of the Dauntless Vanguard. His meeting with Katarina on the battlefield made him breathless for the first time in his career, though some suggest that there are other reasons aside from exhaustion. Garen ignored such claims, for he knew that they couldn't understand that simply the pursuit of a strong opponent in battle is a reason to rise each morning.

About the Champion: Most of the time, Garen serves team's primary tank positioned either at the top or bottom lane. But unlike full-time tanks like Malphite, Garen packs quite a lot of punch. He can last longer in the lane without spending gold on healing potions because of Garen's sustainability coming from his passive skill. Although his ultimate deals magic damage, all of Garen's skills do not benefit from ability power.

"Come forth, you will find honor in death!"



Title:
The Might of Demacia

Role: Fighter, Tank

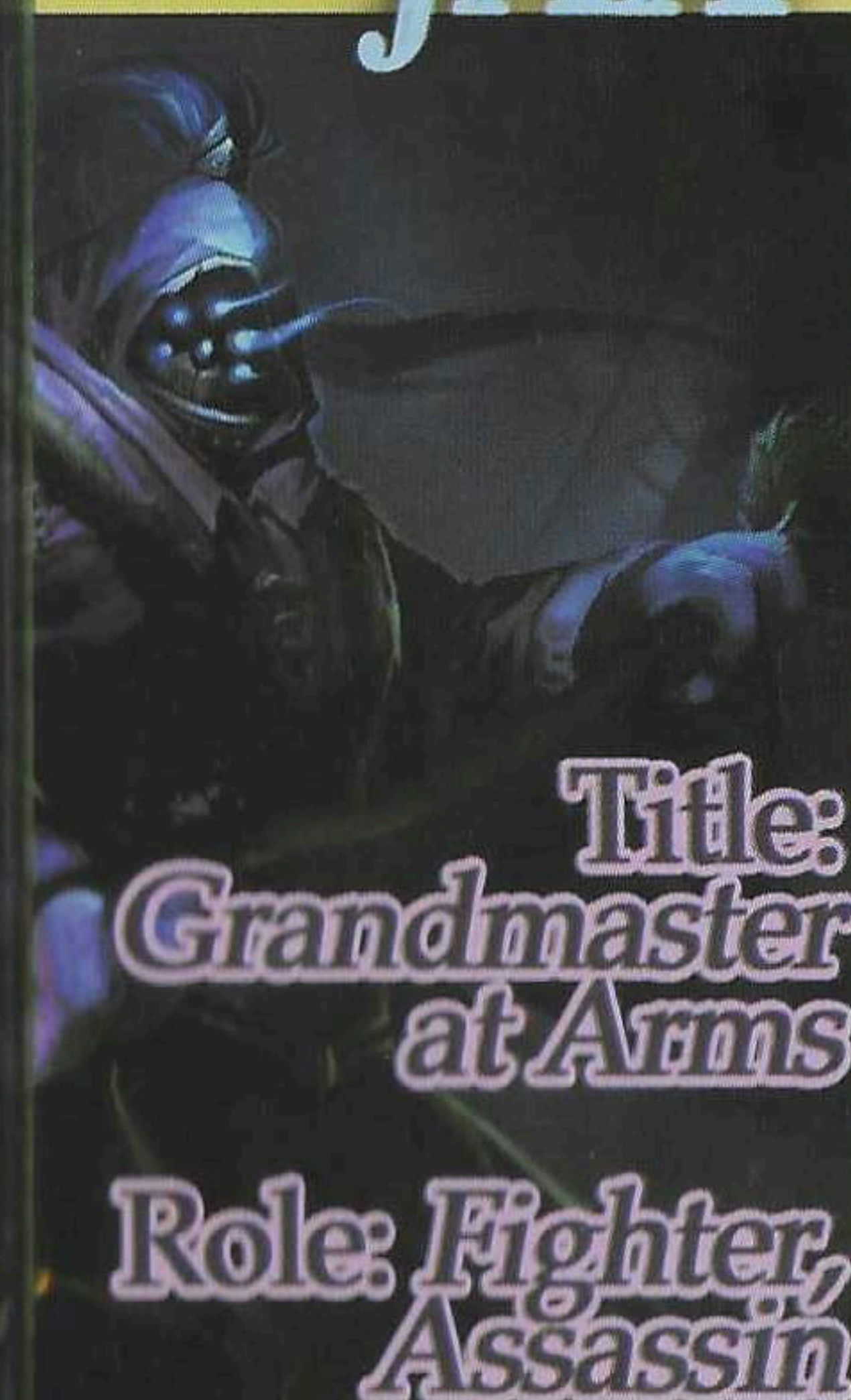
Jax is the most prolific fighter in the Institute of War who remains undefeated up to this day. He lived as an assassin-for-hire before joining the League and his reasons for joining is unknown to everyone except for the League's former leader, High Councilor Reginald Ashram. For the reason that the perceived objectivity of the League of Legends would be questioned by his existence, Jax was given certain conditions to fight under – something the League has done for the first time.

As a response, he permitted himself to use a brass lamppost as a weapon. Neither the League's sanctions nor using a strange weapon such as a lamppost has affected his winning ways. Even though the League has retracted its sanction, Jax continues to fight with his trusty lamppost.

About the Champion: Jax is a fighter who dominates his enemies in the top lane and eventually leading the whole team to victory during teamfights. Even with a high stat base, Jax is item dependent for his damage output and survivability. Jax's skill set is also suitable for jungling and setting up an ambush. With damage amplification and a dodge-and-stun on top of being able to engage and/or escape from battle, Jax makes most autoattack-reliant champions cry.

"Who wants the piece of the champ?"

JAX



Title:
Grandmaster at Arms

Role: Fighter, Assassin

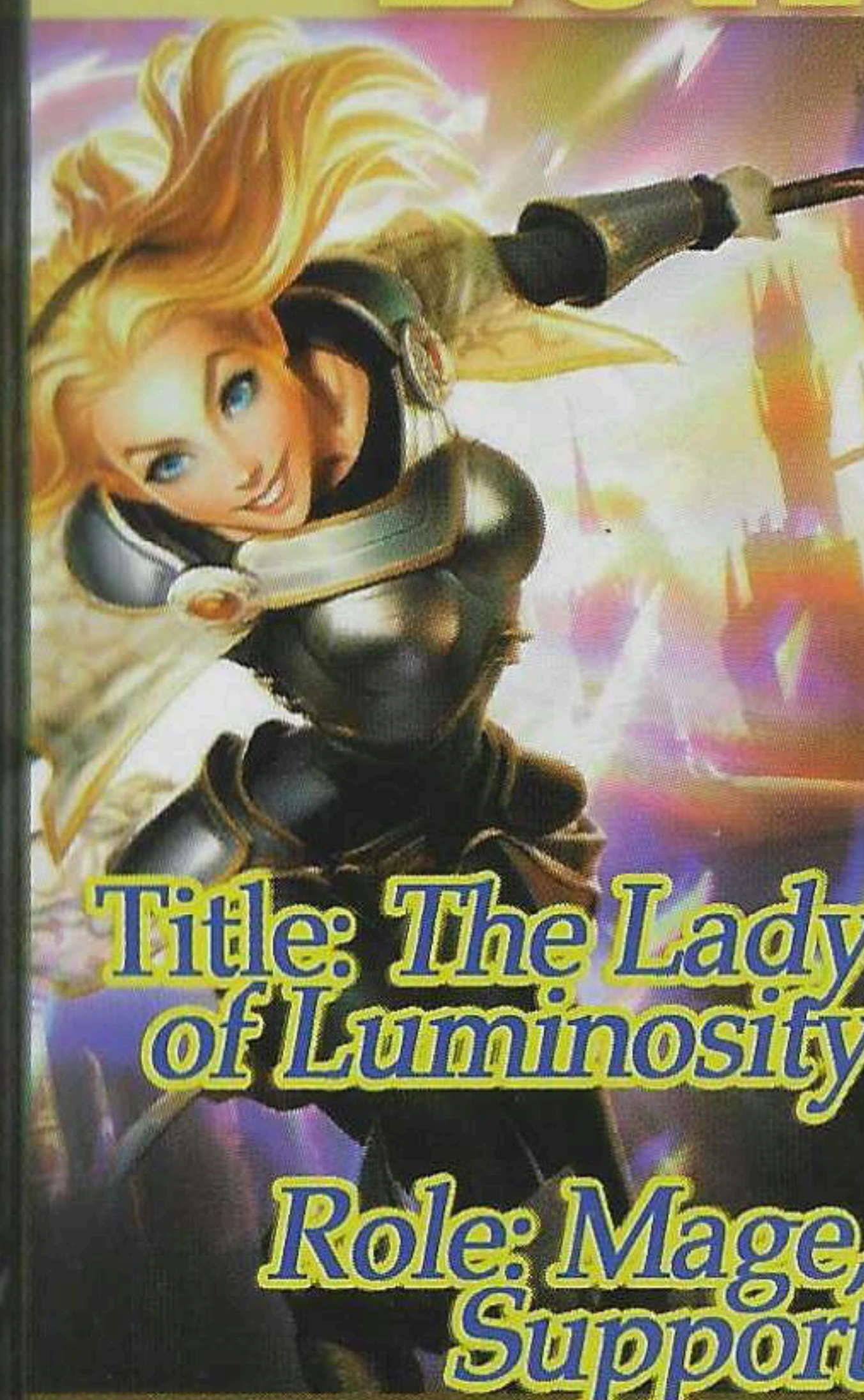
LUX

The Crownguards is a prestigious family known for their service for Demacia. Luxanna was destined for greatness from the moment she was born into this family. She was hailed as a prodigy at a young age, drawing the attention of the Demacian government, military and citizens to her. Lux soon discovered that she has a strong affinity to light magic.

The Demacian military recruited and trained her in covert operations after seeing her unique gift, but reconnaissance and surveillance was not for her. Lux's true calling was the League of Legends, where she unleashes her gifts as an inspiration to the people of Demacia.

About the Champion: Lux plays both mage and support roles in the team and can be seen in either the middle or bottom lane. Her crowd-control abilities is a critical asset that can turn the tide of war to her team's advantage. The very same abilities allows Lux to outrun her pursuers by preventing them from moving for a short while and detonate a ball of light that slows them as well as receiving magical damage. Finally, Lux's ultimate has a short cooldown, so it can also be used to clear minion waves or score a last hit on Dragon and Baron Nashor.

"Light mage? I'm just an ordinary mage."



Title: *The Lady of Luminosity*

Role: Mage, Support

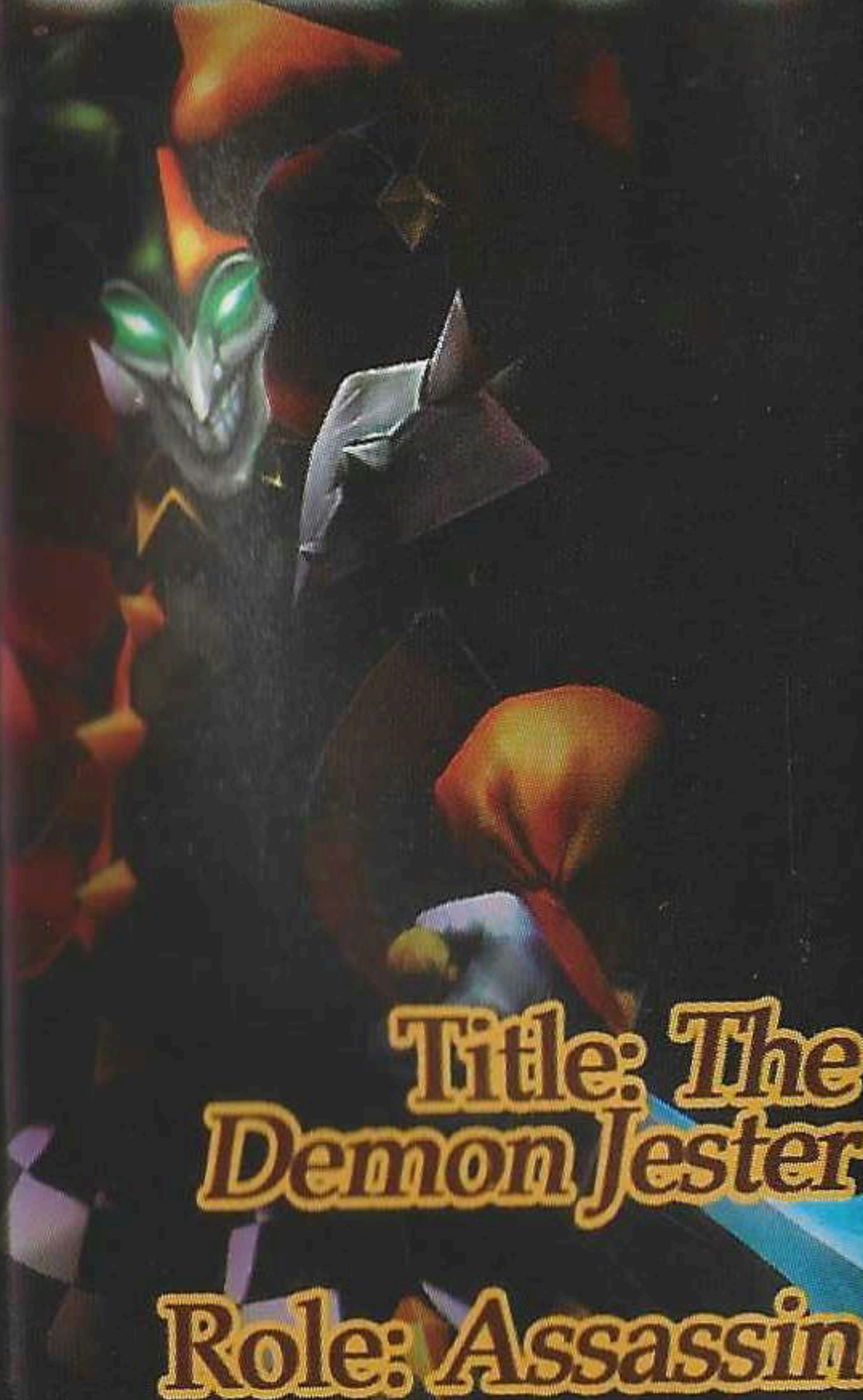
Valoran's first fully-functioning homicidal maniac that takes pleasure in telling jokes until someone dies. Nobody knows the true origin of the one referred to as the Demon Jester. As insane as he may be, Shaco has proven himself to be quite cunning for being able to evade the authorities. It is unimaginable that a madman like Shaco is allowed to remain at large.

Shaco joined the League of Legends for reasons only he knows. He is ostracized by both his fellow champions and the media because of his insanity. The people of Runeterra considered that by allowing Shaco to remain in the League, they will be able to keep an eye on him. Unsurprisingly, this killer clown is popular in countries where madness is accepted such as Zaun and Noxus.

About the Champion: Shaco is a melee champion capable of closing in on an unsuspecting opponent instantly from out of nowhere, making him a great assassin. Usually played as a jungler in team plays since he doesn't need smite to get his share of buffs, and is capable of killing enemy champions without knowing what hit them. Chasing a fleeing champion works well with backstab since it gives Shaco additional bonus damage when striking from behind.

"For my next trick, I'll make you disappear!"

SHACO



Title: The Demon Jester

Role: Assassin

An infant was found abandoned on the doorstep of an Ionian adoption house with an ancient instrument. The child named Sona spent her years in the orphanage until her teens. Sona's inability to speak was mistaken as her quiet and well-behaved nature, which is why she was never chosen for adoption. During that time, the caretakers sold her instrument to collectors.

But for some reason, the instrument mysteriously reappears outside the orphanage. When a wealthy Demacian woman learned of the instrument, she immediately went to Ionia and adopted Sona as her daughter, leaving a generous amount of money for the orphanage while she's at it. Sona discovered her connection with "etwahl" with Lestara Buvelle's guidance. She joined the League of Legends to put her talent she secretly mastered into practice: using etwahl as a deadly weapon.

About the Champion: As a primary support champion, Sona is expected to be always behind the frontlines, bequeathing the team with supportive buffs that will aid them in battle. On top of its active buffs, her "songs" are actually stances which grants Sona and a nearby teammate an aura additional stat bonuses and influences the effect of her Power Chord when used against a minion or an enemy champion. Sona's ultimate chord forces all enemy champions in a wide, straight line to dance while receiving magical damage.

"Only you can hear me, summoner. What masterpiece shall we play today?"

SONA



Title: The Maven of Strings

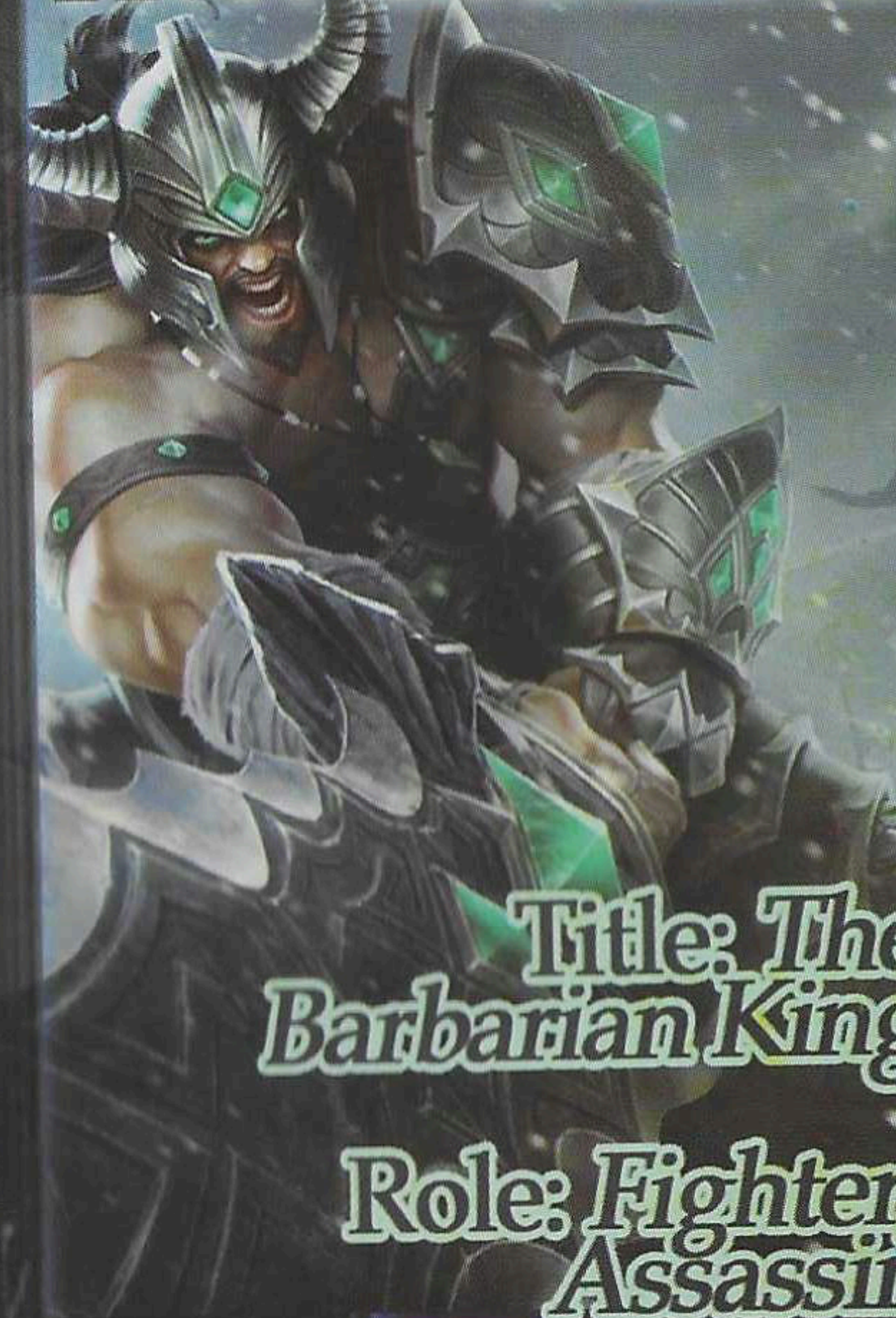
Role: Support, Mage

Tryndamere's clan were ambushed by raiders in the middle of the night. Though they were able to push the first wave, they didn't stand a chance against the dark figure that came next. With a jagged, living sword, he massacred everyone in the tribe effortlessly. Tryndamere threw himself at the enigmatic being despite knowing that his chances of winning is zero, and was mortally wounded as a result. As Tryndamere's life slips away, his rage consumed him, refusing to surrender to death. He braced himself for a decisive battle against the genocider. But instead of taking a stance to respond to his challenge, the dark figure smiled at him and disappeared into the shadows. On that day, he vowed to forge himself into a weapon of vengeance with the sole purpose of repaying his nemesis with death.

About the Champion: His high attack damage powered by critical hits makes Tryndamere one of the most dangerous champions to fight against in the top lane. His mana bar is replaced by a bar that accumulates rage points up to 100. Tryndamere has the option to maintain his rage bar for increasing his critical attack chance or consume it to heal himself. Tryndamere also makes a decent jungler, but not as threatening as he is in the lane. Being a fighter that relies on auto-attacks, Tryndamere only has one active skill that can be used as a gap-closer or an escape mechanism. Mocking shout makes the enemy hero reduce his attack damage, and gets slowed if their backs are turned to Tryndamere. And lastly, when in a perilous situation, Tryndamere's ultimate will allow him to keep fighting for 5 more seconds, refusing to accept death and gives him rage points for him to use for self-healing.

"I am your worst nightmare!"

TRYNDAMERE



Title: The Barbarian King

Role: Fighter, Assassin

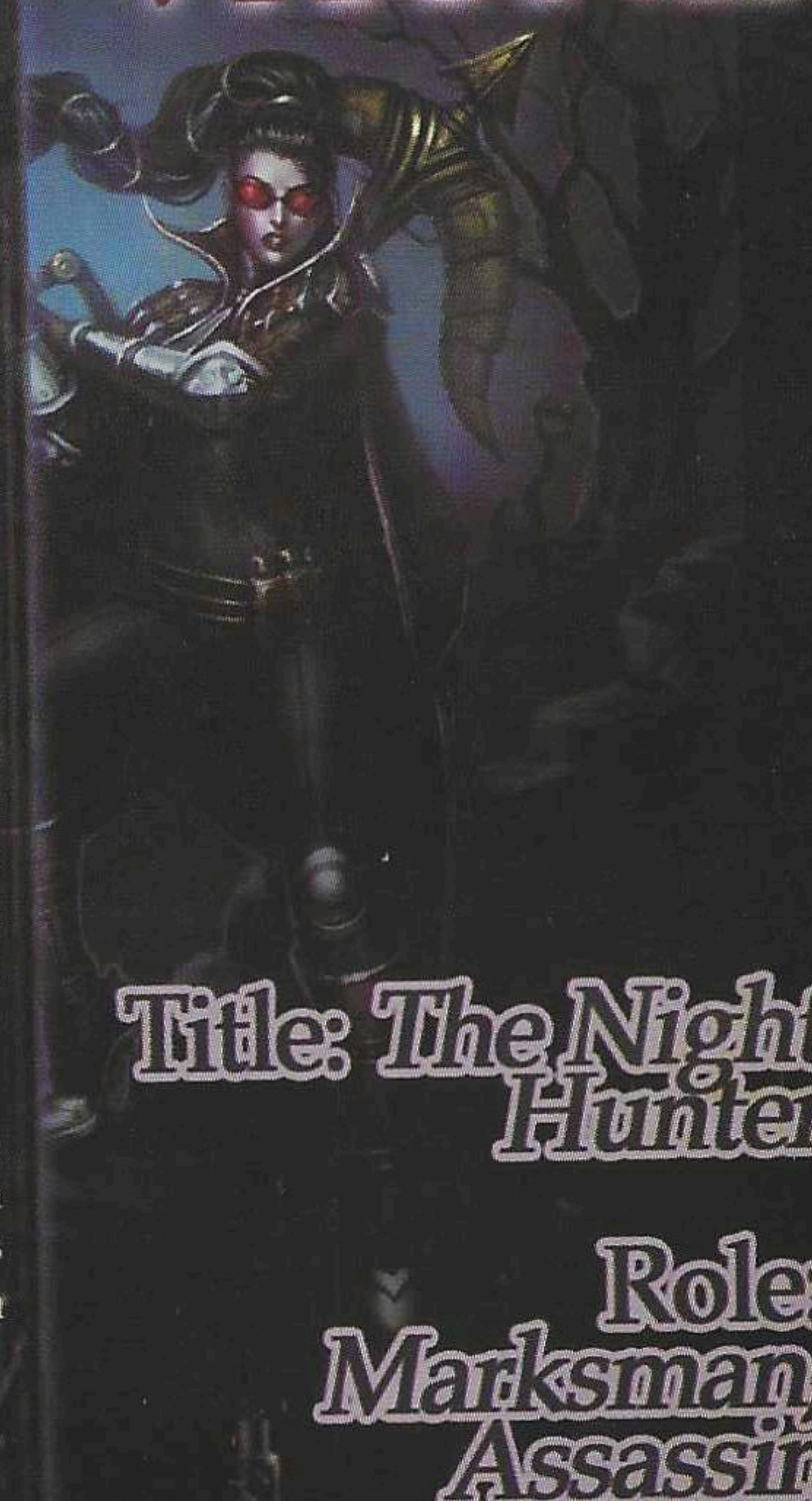
When Shauna was a young privileged girl from one of Demacia's elite houses, her father convinced her of the law enforcer's vigilance. Given that she's still naïve and innocent, Shauna believes that her world is safe from harm, until a malevolent witch took a keen interest in her father. She managed to bypass her father's conciliar guards, then tortured her family before murdering them. A burning hatred was born inside of the young Shauna after witnessing the cruel death of her family. With her father's money and connections, she trained herself to become a fearsome warrior. However, she has no intention of being in the battlefield. Shauna decided to become Demacia's first vigilante, the Night Hunter. Her targets are those who practice the black arts, and among them are several champions of the League who are embraced by darkness.

About the Champion: Vayne plays both roles of a marksman and an assassin. She is usually accompanied by a support champion in the bottom lane which makes lane advancing difficult for the opposing side. Vayne can quickly kill and disable an enemy champion with the right items if she's able to gain as many kills as she can in the early to mid game. Even the sturdiest tanks of the opposing team would feel the pain of Vayne's bolts due to her passives combined with items that gives armor penetration.

Vayne's attack range isn't as far as other marksman like Caitlyn and Varus, but should an enemy champion gets close to her, Vayne can simply push them away from her. Although not much of a gap-closer, tumbling allows Vayne to force an enemy champion to enter her attack range or gives her a slight distance gap between her and the pursuer.

"The dark should fear me..."

VAYNE



Title: The Night Hunter

Role: Marksman, Assassin

INDIE GAME

8-BIT HORROR

If you're interested in horror, why don't you give these indie horror games a try?

Good games come from all graphics and sizes. Some games are made by independent game makers using a game-creation software such as the RPG Maker VX and the WOLF RPG Editor with graphics and gameplay similar to retro RPG games like Dragon Quest. Although these games are graphically inferior to the ones we usually see, the startling scenes, grotesque imagery and well-thought plot make up for it. Solving puzzles and exploring are the main elements of the game and it doesn't allow the player to use a weapon and fight against monsters when encountered—which leaves the player with no choice but to run.

Listed below are some indie horror game titles that we highly recommend:

IB



A girl named **IB** visits an art gallery with her parents. As a nine-year old, she couldn't understand some of the words in the exhibit's titles. Upon seeing the painting entitled "**Fabricated World**", strange things begin to happen around her. IB finds herself trapped in a distorted world where Guertena's works of art comes to life and is out for her life. Now the young IB must venture deep into the fabricated world to find a way out alive.

Later on, IB meets two people in the fabricated world: **Garry**, a young man that IB saved from the brink of death and **Mary**, a mysterious blonde-haired girl who joins them in their quest to escape from Guertena's world.

MAD FATHER



At a young age, **Aya Drevis** knows that her father—**Alfred** conducts experiments on humans in the basement of their mansion. She is also aware of her father's illicit relationship with **Maria**, the house maid. One night, Aya wakes up after hearing her father's screams, and promptly checks on him, only to find two bloody monsters in the hallway approaching her.

After learning that these monsters were humans that fell victim to her father's inhumane experiments and wanted to punish Alfred Drevis for his crimes, she decides to save her father. But as Aya goes deeper into her now dangerous home, she begins to discover the truth behind Alfred and his experiments, and is starting to question her love for her father.

THE WITCH'S HOUSE

Viola visits a mysterious house in the woods. It is said that a witch lives in the house and is yearning for a guest. She soon discovers that the house is actually a death trap that can easily take the life of anyone who carelessly goes inside it.

Now Viola must find a way out of the witch's ever-changing house.



MISAO



Three months ago, **Misao** mysteriously disappeared and is believed to be dead. Aki, Misao's classmate, starts to hear her voice calling for help. The rest of Aki's classmates calls the string of supernatural events as "**Misao's curse**".

When an earthquake suddenly shakes the school Aki attends, her classmates jokingly blames it on Misao as the incident is caused by her so-called "curse". But little did they know that the earthquake is indeed caused by Misao's curse and transported Aki, her classmates and their homeroom teacher into another dimension. In order to break the curse, Aki must find six parts of Misao's body scattered around the academy and discover the truth behind Misao's death.

THE CROOKED MAN



David Hoover is a college dropout who had a bad breakup with his girlfriend and a mentally-ill mother recovering in the hospital. For a change of pace during a rough period of his life, he moves into a new apartment with the help of his friends who also happens to be newly-wed couples named **Paul** and **Marion**. Unfortunately for David, the apartment he just moved into soon becomes one of his problems.

First, he hears a man sobbing from somewhere, and after finding a scrap of paper under his bed, strange messages begin to appear to him. This continued for days until David finally had enough of the bizarre events occurring in his room. Nothing turns up when he tries to learn more about the previous tenant of the room he currently lives in. With his desire to know more about the man who is shrouded in mystery, David sets off on a journey to find him.

MERMAID SWAMP



Rin Yamazaki goes on a trip with her college friends. **Yuka Kikuchi**, **Yuuta Takahashi**, and **Seitaro Wakasugi**. As if being lost in the middle of the trip is the least of their worries, their car suddenly breaks down in the mountains. Luckily, a kind old man offers them to stay at his house for a while until they can get their car fixed. Outside the mansion where the old man lives is a swamp that has a legend about a mermaid that was abducted by the man who was smitten with her beauty and eventually died.

The mermaid's curse is believed to be the reason behind the sudden disappearance of young women from the nearby villages. On the next day, the old man goes on a trip of his own, and strange things starts to happen during his absence. Is this also the mermaid's curse at work?

PARANOIAC



Miki Takamura is a novelist who moves into her late aunt's neglected house to get rid of her slump. But instead of having a peace of mind in her new home, her mental state is slowly deteriorating as she is being chased by a grotesque figure on her first night. At first, she think that everything happened on that night is just a dream.

It is later revealed that before Miki's aunt died, she had an extreme case of paranoia and Miki's mother is a hysterical woman who sent her daughter away on purpose to suffer the same fate as her aunt.

HELLO? HELL...O?

The player assumes the role of an unnamed young man when he suddenly receives a phone call inside his small apartment room. At some point, the game will be transitioned to a female character named **Akari**. The story of the game is narrated through short yet multiple endings slowly pieced together. Aside from the phone, there are many objects scattered around the apartment for the player to interact with.

Hello? Hell... o?'s abstract approach to progression made the game unique as well as exceptionally clever tricks to both narrate the story and toy with one's perception. A total of 37 endings that can be unlocked depending on the player's actions in the room.

CONQUER THE GODDESSES!

The World God Only Knows: Goddesses Saga is the third season of the popular anime of the same title. It follows the story after Keima Katsuragi, the self-proclaimed "God of Conquest" of dating sims, captured all the runaway spirits residing within girls in real life (aka, 3D girls).

Before the escape of the runaway spirits and the creation of New Hell, the Goddesses, known as the Jupiter Sisters, sacrifice themselves to seal Old Hell. When the seal broke, an organization called "Vintage" is created to eliminate the goddesses to bring back Old Hell.

Keima encounters **Diana**, a goddess within Tenri. She explains that he is the only one who could find the other goddesses within the girls whom Keima 'conquered'. Oblivious to the danger, the Jupiter Sisters hid themselves in the bodies of several girls. Due to the presence of the goddess, the girl host has a memory of the conquest; Keima uses this to find them in time to warn them. With Vintage on his heels, could Keima track down the goddesses in time?



Diana explains the existence of Goddesses within a girl.

TWOGOK started as a manga series written and illustrated by Tamiki Wakaki and serialized in the Weekly Shonen Sunday magazine. The first season anime aired fall of 2010, the second spring 2011 and now, season 3 is out.

With a new director (Satoshi Oseido), the third series promises more action, romance and comedy. Animation didn't exactly change since the anime is still produced by Manglobe. The art is smooth and, shall we say, sparkly. The story closely follows the manga with only minor alterations making you love both versions equally.

The 12-episode series ended last August 19. "God only knows -Secrets of the Goddesses-" by Elisa is the opening theme song while the goddesses' voice actresses sang the ending theme song, "Kizuna no Yukue."

If you can't wait for what comes after, the manga is ongoing.

Despite Keima's efforts, Vintage manages to draw first blood, successfully attacking the Goddess Apollo, residing within school idol Kanon Nakagawa. The incident makes Keima's goal even more urgent, as Apollo is given only a week to live. Partnering himself with the two demons Elsie and Haqua, Keima begins his new conquest of girls, hoping to draw out the remaining Goddesses.

KEIMA KATSURAGI

The protagonist of the story, Keima is known as a "Capturing God" due to his skill in dating sims. Primarily focusing only on his PFP, games and conquests, he is distant and cold towards real girls, regarding them as flawed. Paired with Elsie, a demon, Keima is left with no choice but to capture runaway spirits residing within the gaps of the heart of girls.

In this season, Keima receives a request from Diana: to find the rest of the Goddesses. He faces Vintage, more girl problems and love! ooooo~

All this time, he's the one following girls to no end but what happens when it's Keima who's being pursued? Could the 'Capturing God' be captured by a 3-D girl?



HAQUA DU LOT HERMINIUM

Haqua becomes Keima's partner for this particular mission. With her intelligence and skills, she remains a very vital member of the Runaway Spirit Squad. Assisting Keima in whatever he needs to find the goddesses in time. She also goes behind New Hell, getting information and uncovering secrets.

DIANA

Within Keima's childhood friend and neighbor, Tenri, resides the first goddess to appear.

Diana is the third of the Jupiter Sisters. A master tactician, strategist and not without incredible strength, she is confident and headstrong. Diana helps Keima with the search by providing information about her sisters, their part in sealing Old Hell and Vintage.



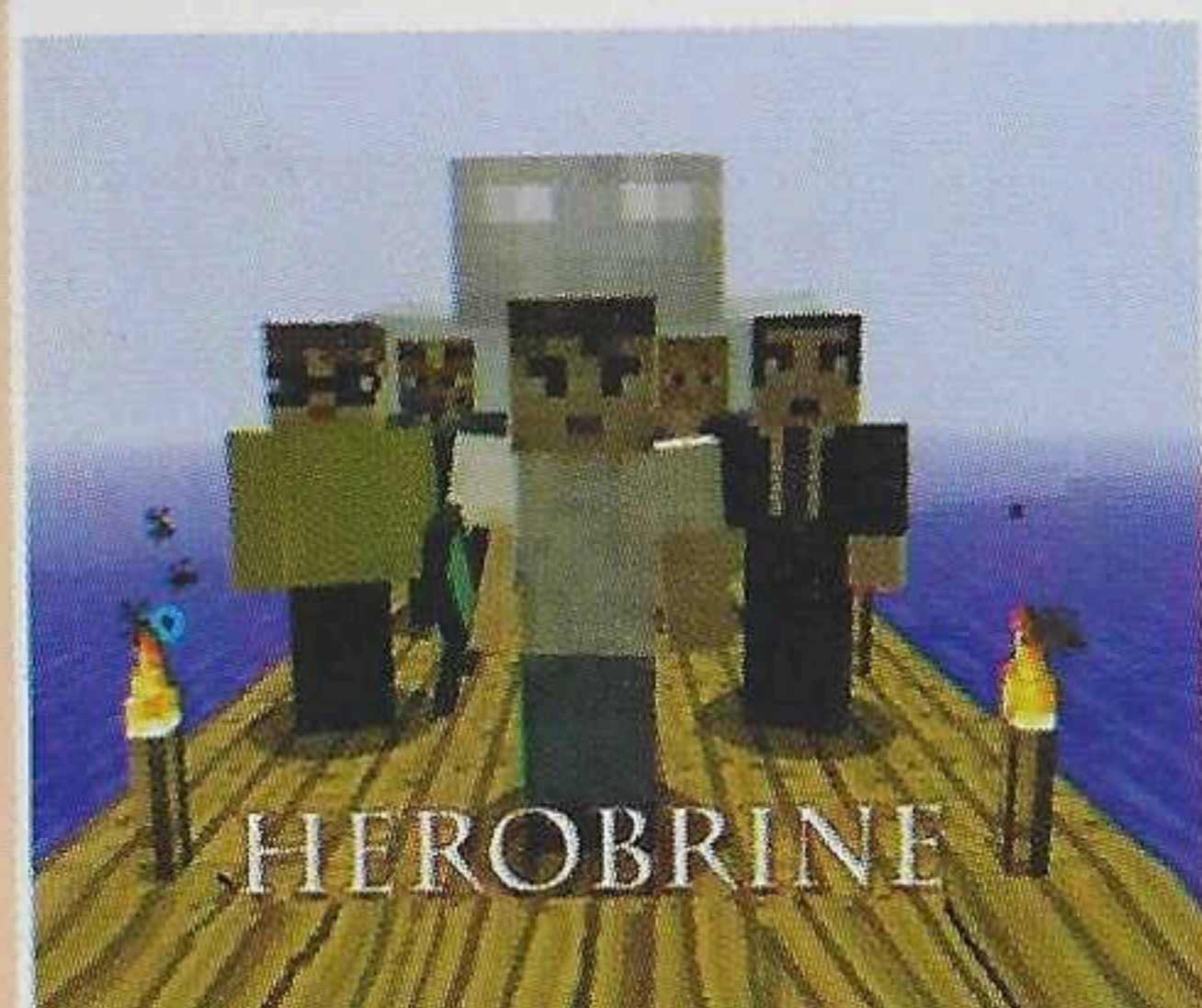
Machinima!

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What if there is a whole series of game cinematic that are imaginative, interesting and funny?

Video games aren't only for gamers or as an E-sport for the pro. To some, it is a tool used to create cinematic productions. The growing technology of game development has given birth to a new style of animation and that's "Machinima".



MACHINIMA, from the words, "machine" and "cinema" (termed by Hugh Hancock of machinima.com) in which animation is produced by the use of real-time computer graphic rendering engines where video game technology is commonly used.

After the development of the first true machinima called "Quake Movies," various videos are now conquering the world of animation.

"Machinima is the next generation of storytelling,"
-Diane Nelson, president of Warner Premiere
(Terminator, 2009)

Let's have a look at some of the popular products of machinima:

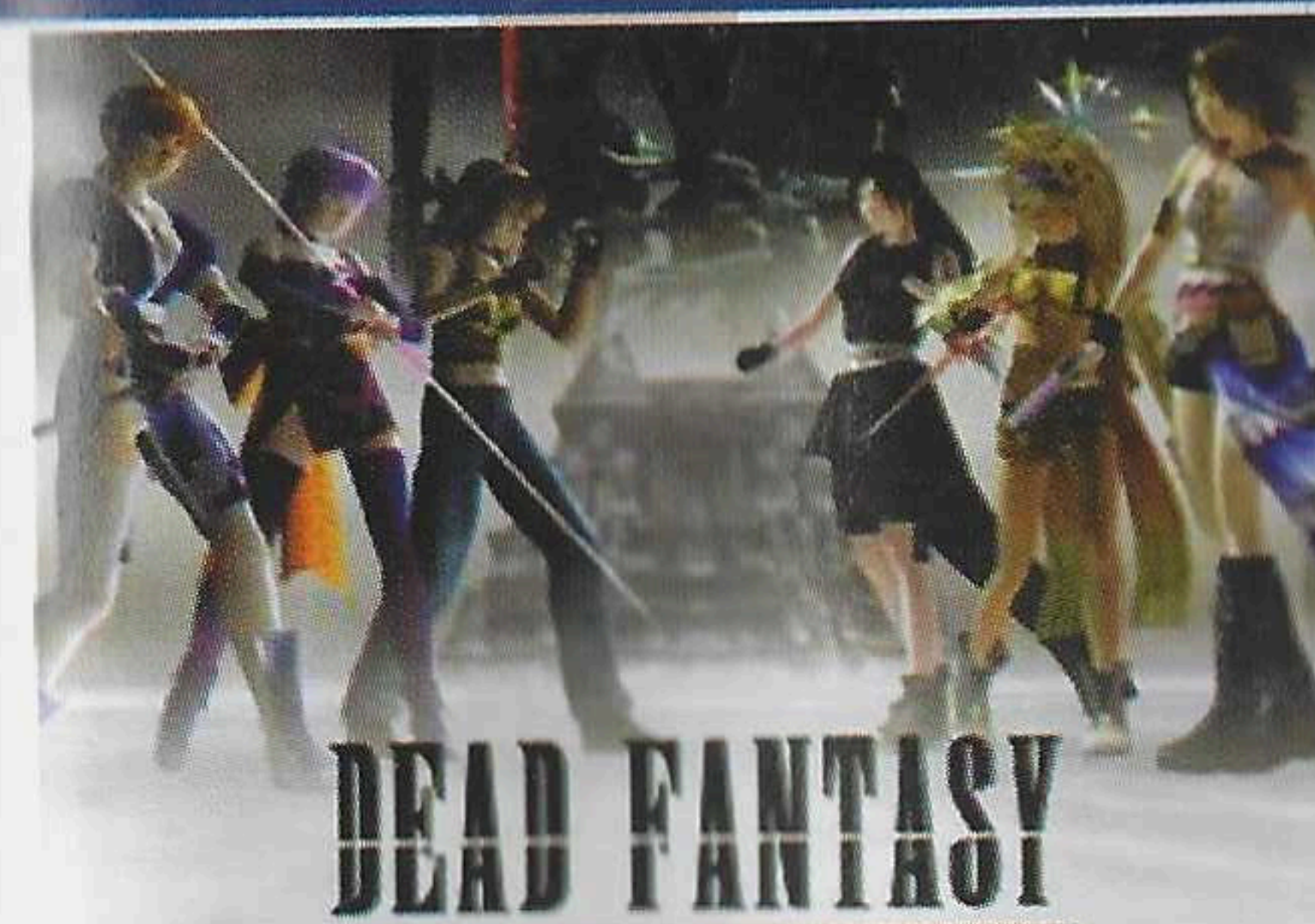
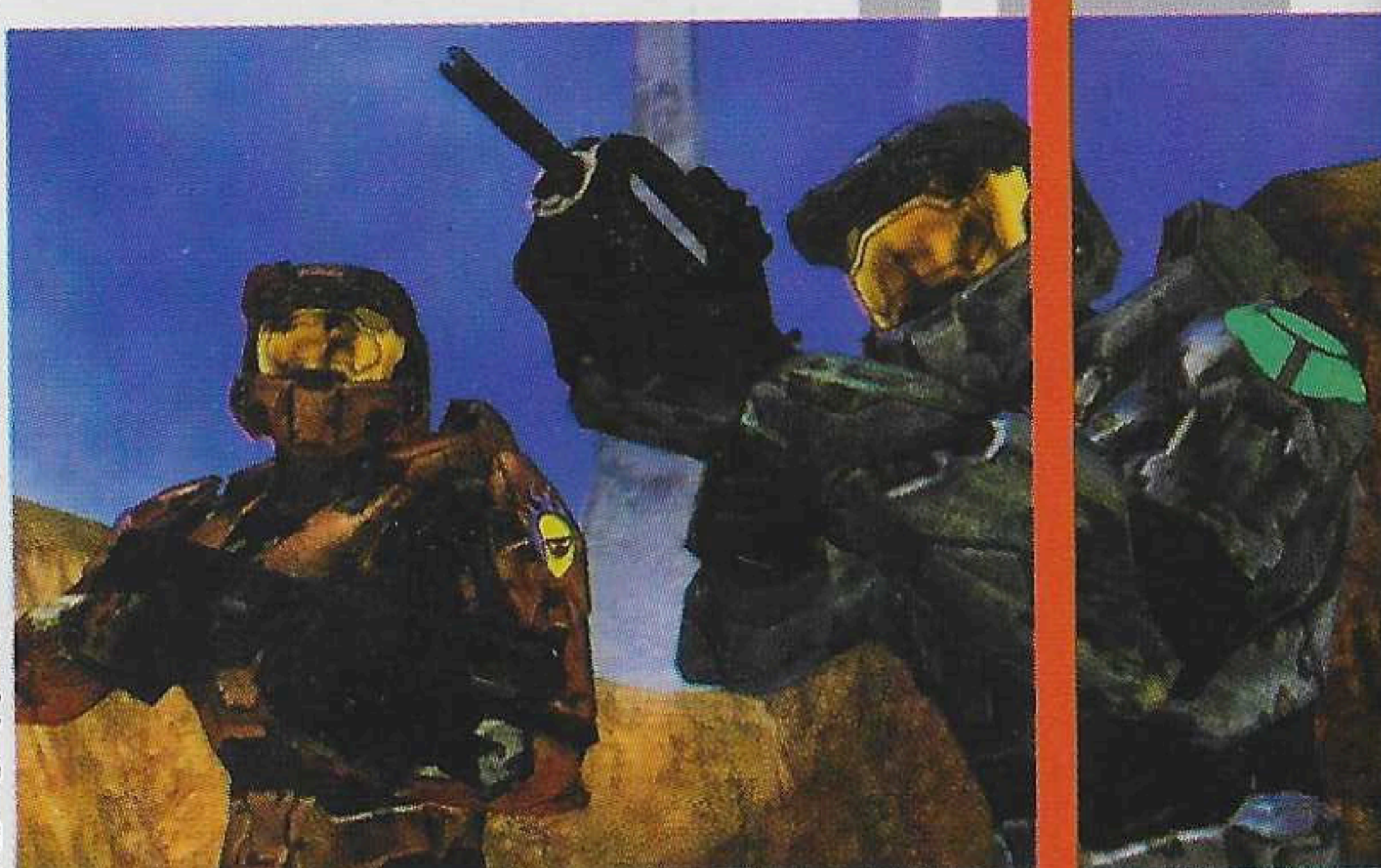
Red vs Blue!

Release: April 1, 2003 - present (season 11)
Creator: Burnie Burns
Running Time: 7 mins (approx.)

Think back to your well-loved game, Halo. Now imagine them as your average American soldiers, talking about missions, girls, ghosts and enemies. With the Reds and the Blues in the middle of a 'Civil War', not everything goes down as planned.

Known as RvB, it is a sci-fi comedy series created by Rooster Teeth Productions that inhibits the use of Halo's game engine to render its animations. With much fan-support, RvB reached 10 seasons and will have its 11th soon.

This is considered as one of the most successful machinima series ever released and was awarded as the Best Animated Web Series of International Academy of Web TV 2012 - 2013.



Dead Fantasy!

Release: October 2007 - ongoing (episode VII)
Creator: Monty Oum
Running Time: 5:00 (approx.)

Two games in one. This CGI-fan-made series has the awesome characters you once played. What more can you ask for? It features two strong teams: **Final Fantasy and of Dead or Alive.**

Made by Oum before he was hired by Rooster Teeth. It was promised to be an 8-part series but since 2011, he only released a VII and VIII preview.

RWBY!

Release: July 18, 2013-ongoing
Creator: Monty Oum
Running Time: 5:00 (approx.)

R for red, Ruby Rose, wielding a gun scythe. W for white, Weiss Schnee, using a magical rapier. B for black, Blake Belladonna, brandishing a gun sword. Y for yellow, Yang Xiao Long, with fire gauntlets.

Inspired by anime, fairy tales and game, Monty Oum does it again. Using Smith Micro's Poser Software to animate the whole series, it has received good reviews and an even bigger fan base.



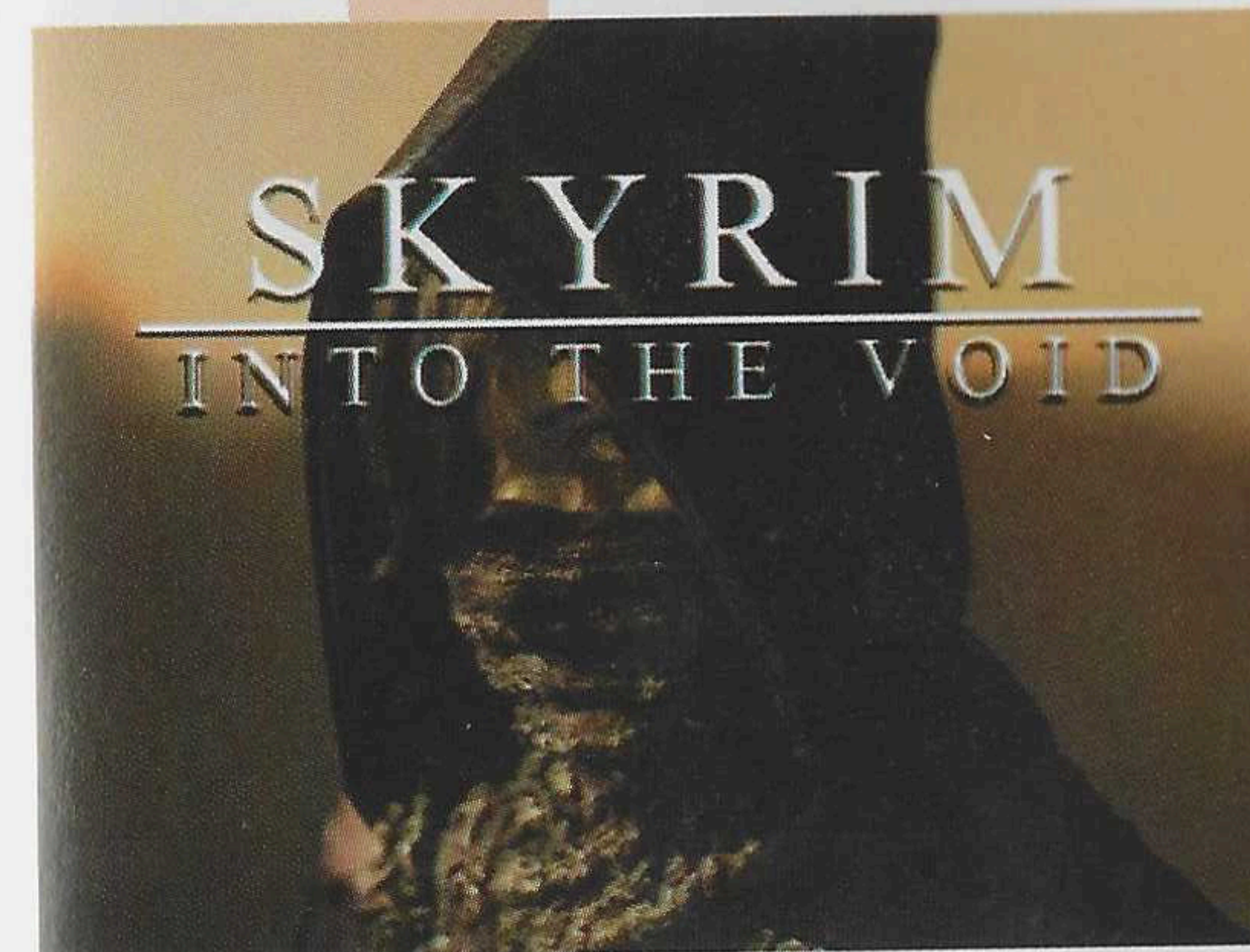
Then, there are those game-inspired live action short films that are worthy to watch. Skyrim: Into the Void is one of them. Gaining popularity days after it's release, this film will make you wish Skyrim was real.

Skyrim: Into the Void!

Release: April 16, 2013
Creator: Warialasky
Running Time: 18:53

Dovahkiin, the noble dragon-born hero, is cursed in a fight with a vampire. He spends considerable time wandering the realm before being captured by the Dark Brotherhood.

Although not fully animated, this is still considered machinima. It is highly recommended because of the astonishing portrayal and effects. Inspired by Machinima's Mortal Kombat and Forward Unto Dawn (Halo), Warialasky made this fan film's SFX with Fume FX.



Gamer or not, you'd love to see action and animation that is completely surreal. Machinima brings out your gamer self and your love for a good story... or a good fight sequence.

Got the bummed out feeling this cold month of September? Doze off no more, for here are the Top 10 games that will surely make you forget the cold weather and will hype you up with the post-apocalyptic, zombies and hack-slash plots of these 2013 video games. So let's start the countdown!

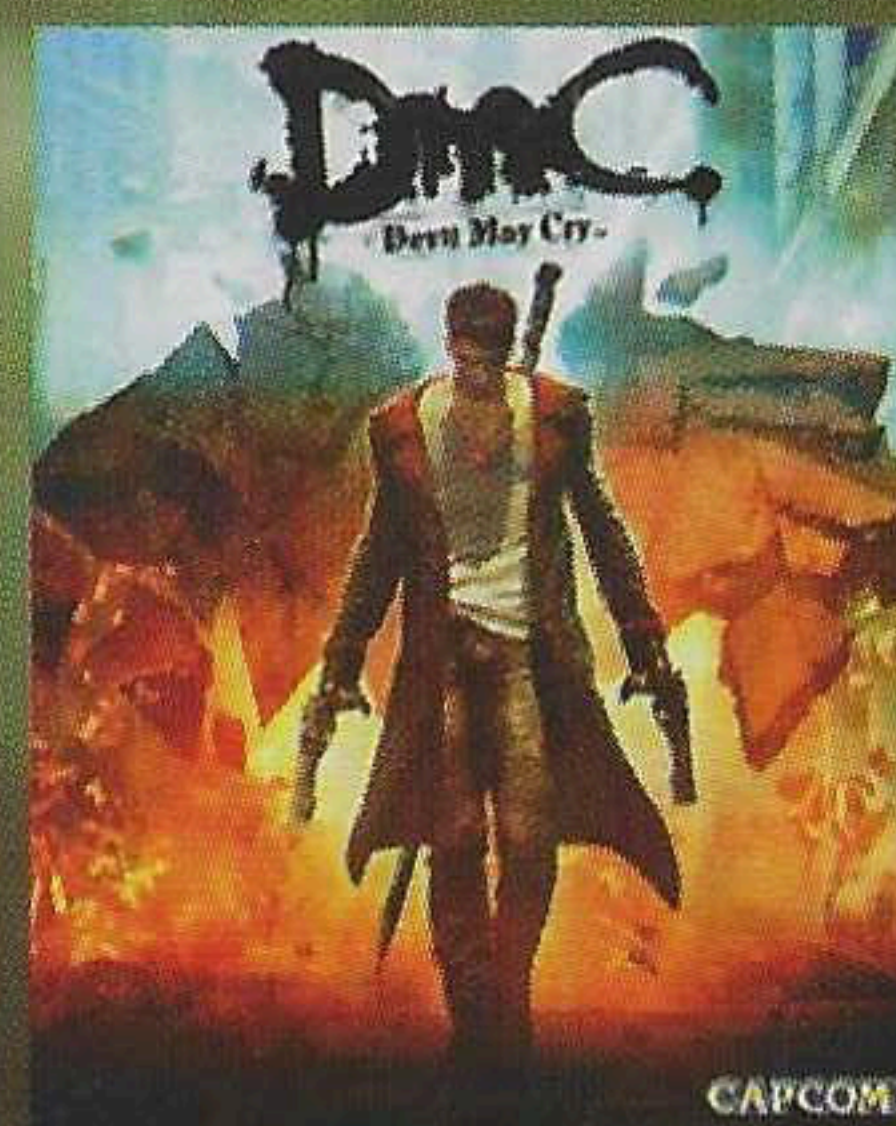


10. Crysis 3

A multi-platform video game developed by Crytek and is published by Electronic Arts for Microsoft, PS 3 and Xbox 360. The players will be taking the role of Prophet, as he returns to New York 24 years after the events of Crysis 2. Now year 2047, he discovers the city has been encased in a giant Nanodome created by the corrupt CELL Corporation. Prophet uncovers the truth behind CELL's motives for constructing the quarantined Nanodomains. Citizens were told that the giant citywide structures were made to protect the population and to clean these cities of the remains of the Ceph forces. In reality, the Nanodomains are CELL's hidden attempt at land and technology grasp in their quest for world domination.

Is an action hack and slash video game developed by Platinum Games and produced by Kojima Productions. Set four years after the events of Metal Gear Solid 4: Guns of the Patriots, players will be playing as Raiden, a cyborg who confronts the private military company Desperado Enforcement. The game focuses on fighting enemies using a sword and multiple subweapons to perform combos and counterattacks. Through the use of Blade Mode, Raiden can dismember cyborgs in slow motion and steal parts stored in their bodies.

9. Metal Gear Rising: Revengeance



8. Devil may Cry

This is the fifth installment of the Devil May Cry game series, serving as a reboot. Developed by Ninja Theory and published by Capcom for PlayStation 3, Xbox 360 and Windows. The game is set in an alternate reality than the previous DMC plots. The story focuses on the character Dante, a young man who is actually a Nephilim, being born with an angel mother and a demon father. He finds himself under attack by demons in a sentient town called Limbo city. He then meets a girl named Kath and a guy named Vergil, who is actually his brother.

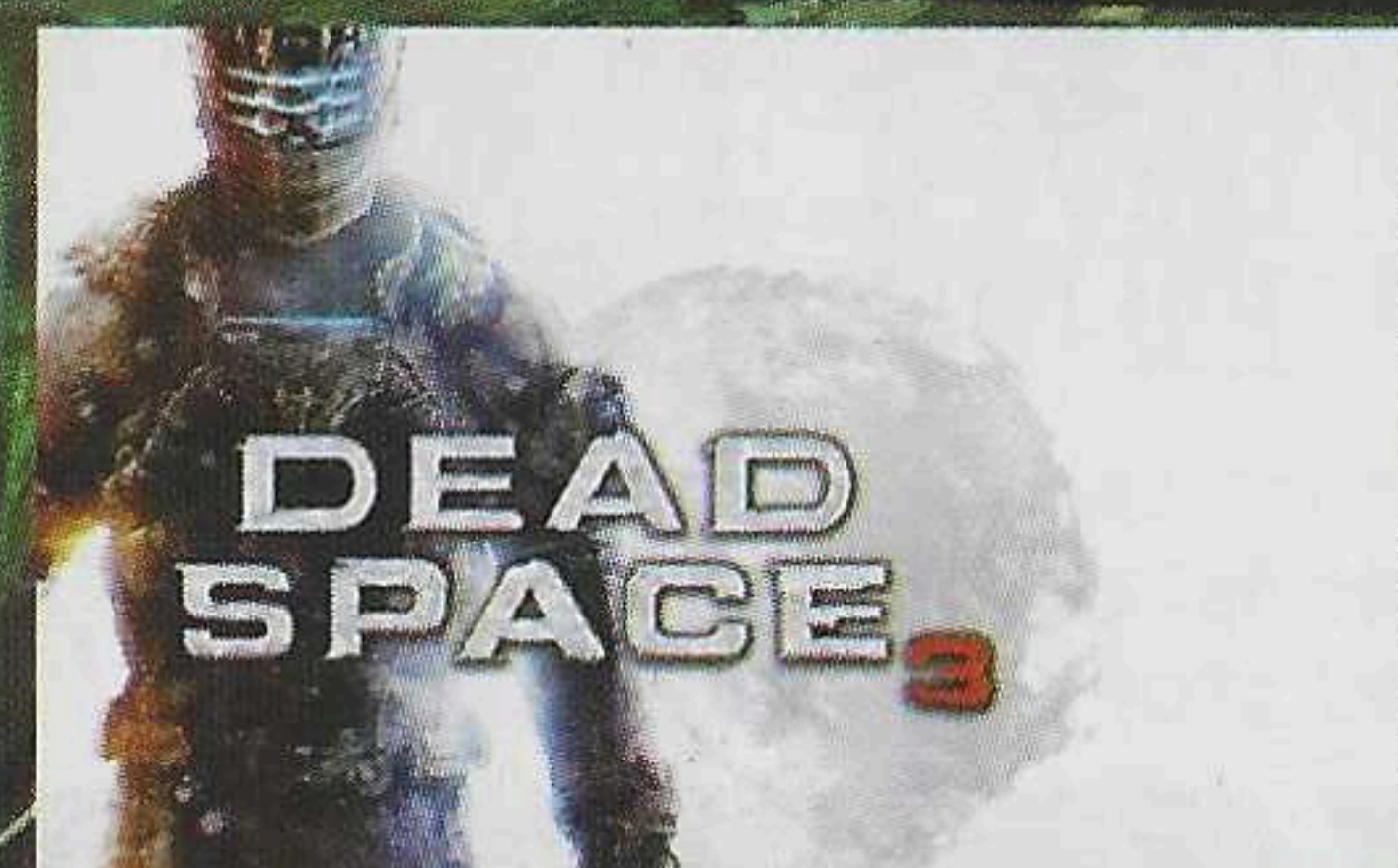
7. Metro Last night

Is a horror and first-shooter video game developed by 4A Games and published by Deep Silver for Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360. The game sets one year after the events in Metro 2033, where the world is already in a post-apocalyptic stage. Since then, the Rangers have occupied the D6 military facility, which is a huge pre-war bunker with miles of tunnels that they haven't fully explored yet though rumors has spread around that the facility has been found that it has supplies that could sustain Metro forever. Artyom, who is now an official Ranger, works to destroy the Dark ones scavenging the city.



6. Dead Space 3

A third-person shooter video game developed by Visceral Games and published by Electronic Arts. It is the third entry of the Dead Space series. Set on the frozen world of Tau Volantis, the game features the returning protagonist Isaac Clarke and new co-op character Sgt. John Carver as the main characters, who attempts to end the Necromorph (human corpses reanimated by the signal of an alien artifact known as the Marker) threat once and for all.



5. Grand Theft Auto V

Is an open world action-adventure video game developed by Rockstar North and published by Rockstar Games. Grand Theft Auto V is played in third-person and combines driving and action game play in an open world environment. The single-player story is told through three player-controlled protagonists whom the player switches between Michael, Trevor and Franklin. The game is set within the fictional state of San Andreas, which is based on Southern California, giving the players a chance to roam over the world's countryside and the fictional city of Los Santos, which is based on Los Angeles.



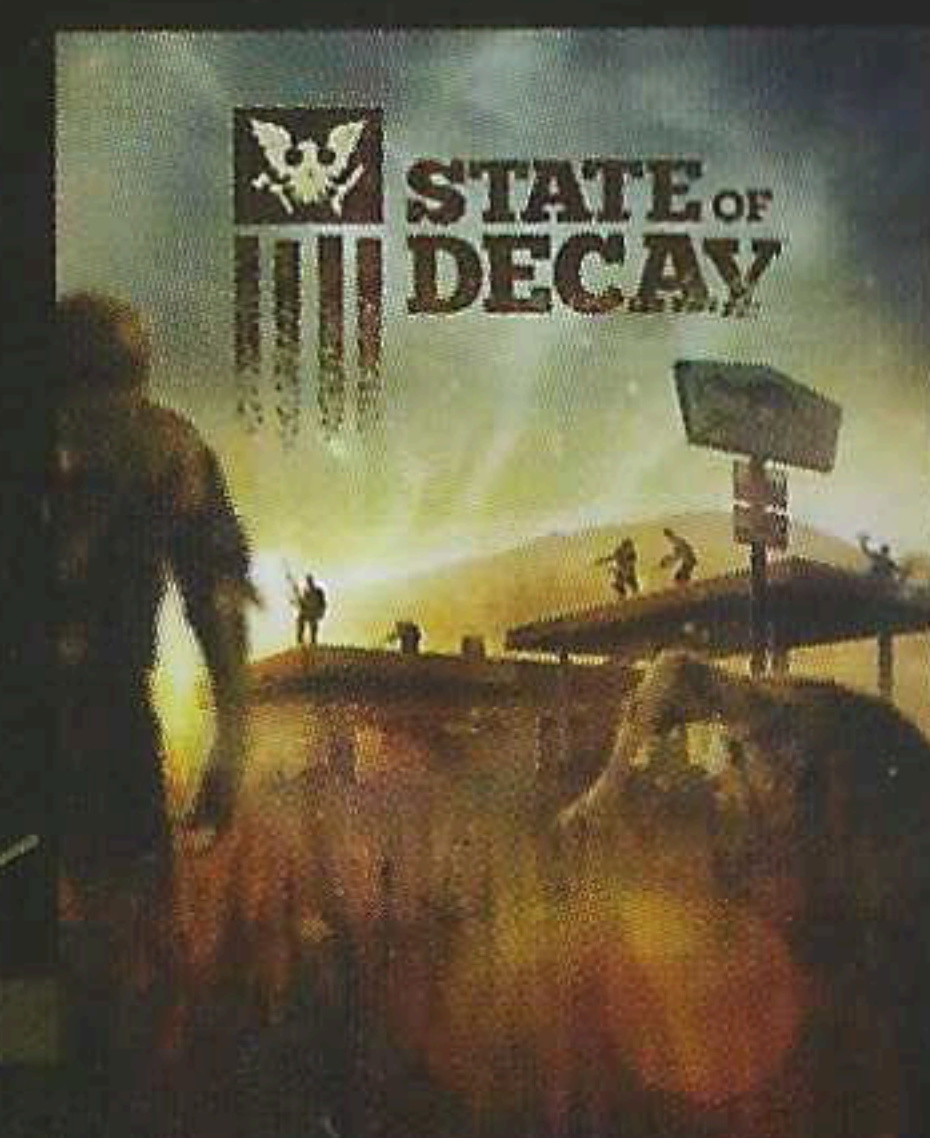
4. Call of Duty: Ghost



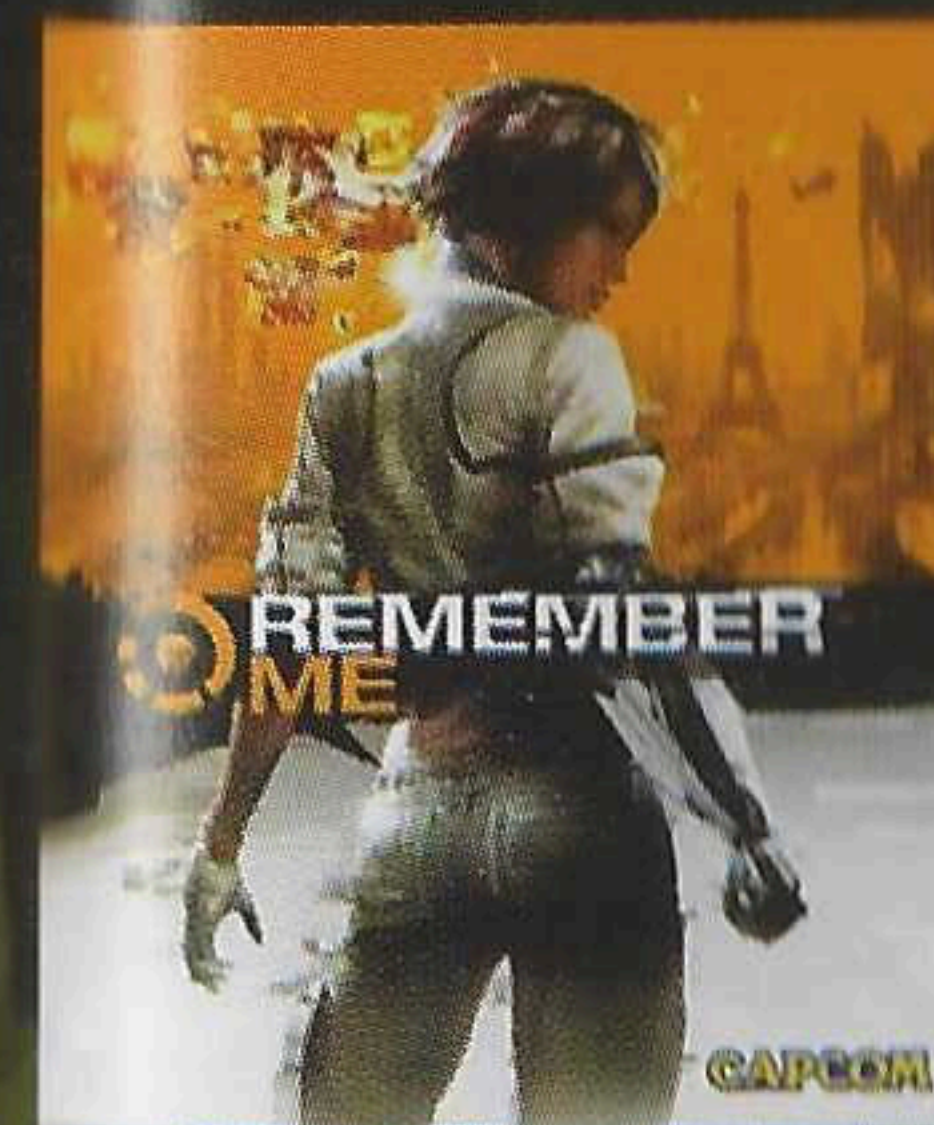
Is a first-person shooter video game from Activision. The game takes place in a near future where a hit from space changed the global balance of powers in the world. As a result, many of the great powers were devastated and the United States lost its superpower status and became a vulnerable developing nation. Ten years later, a powerful enemy invades the weakened nation, overpowering the military. Remnants of US special operation forces from every branch came together to create a specialized unit called the "Ghosts", an elite paramilitary group of soldiers who are determined to eradicate all threats to protect the United States.

3. State of Decay

Is a 3rd-person action zombie-survival game set in a dynamic open world, developed by Undead Labs. Life as you know it has gone to hell after the mother of all zombie outbreaks. Now you and the few scattered survivors must band together to survive. You choose where to make your stand, designing your home base, performing raids for food and ammunition, and rescuing other playable survivors.



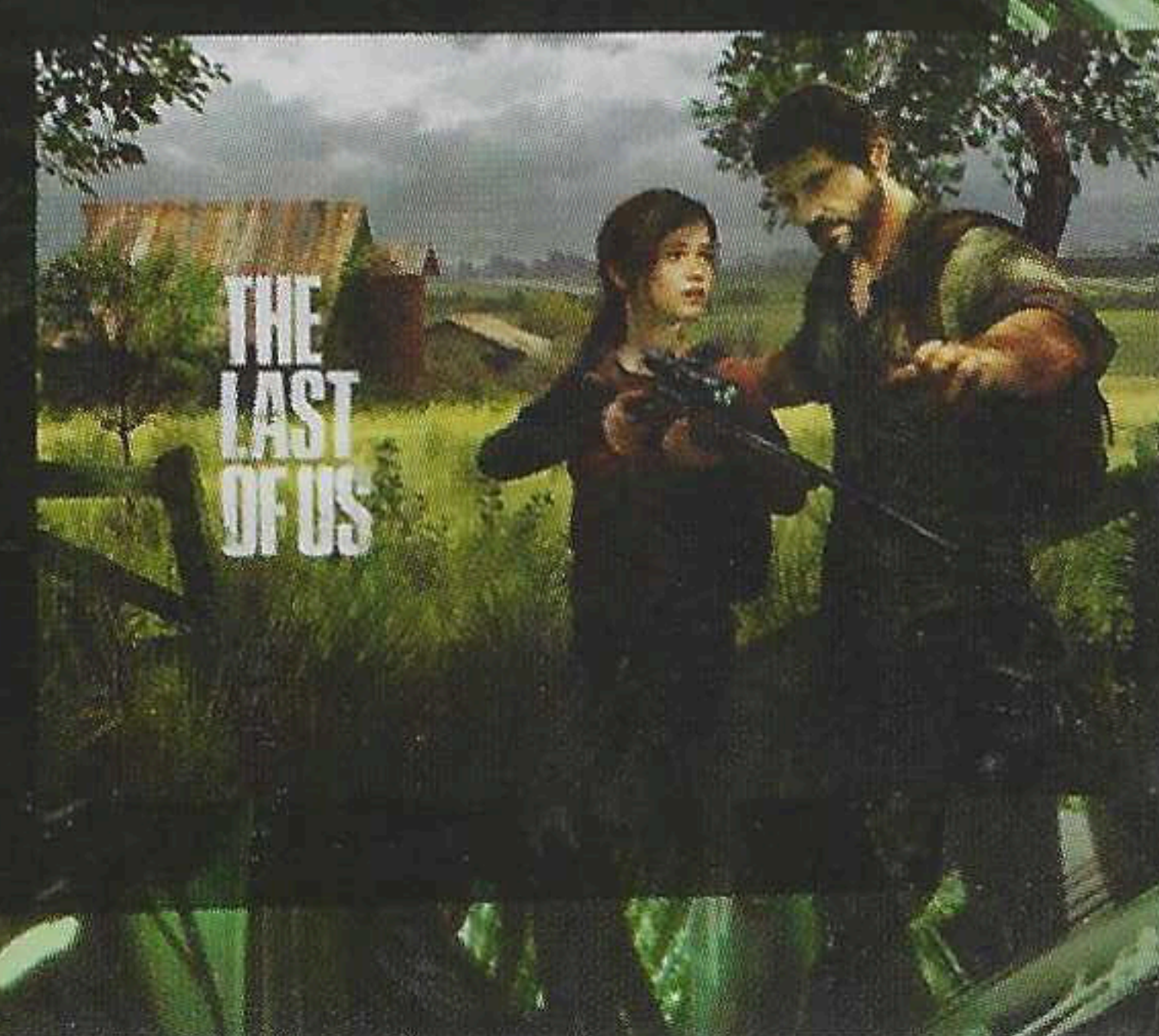
2. Remember Me



Is an action-adventure video game developed by Dontnod Entertainment and published by Capcom. The game features a platforming, exploration and melee combat with the concept of 'memory remixing': entering and changing a target's memories to manipulate them. Players accomplish this by replaying a memory and modifying details to change the target's recollection of the outcome. Another key mechanic of gameplay is stealing memories from the other targets and using points called Remembrances to replay the memory in real-time.

1. The Last of US

Is an action-adventure survival horror video game developed by Naughty Dog and is published by Sony Computer Entertainment exclusively for the PlayStation 3. Players will be controlling the character of Joel who is trekking across a post-apocalyptic United States in 2033, while escorting a young girl named Ellie to a resistance group, the Fireflies. They believe that Ellie might be the key to curing an infection that has ravaged the world. The player defends the characters against zombie-like creatures infected by a mutated strain of the Cordyceps fungus, as well as hostile humans such as bandits and cannibals, employing the use of firearms.



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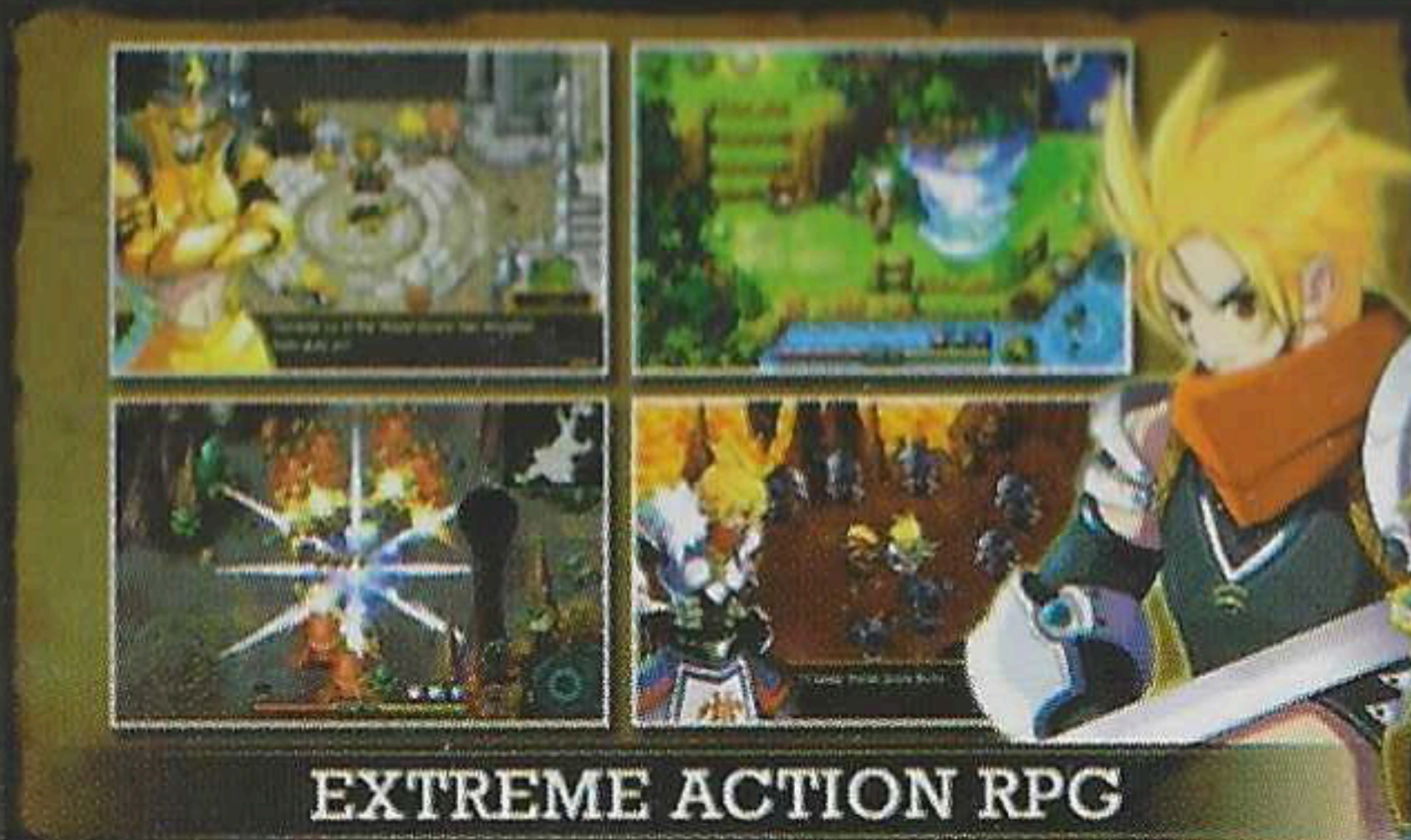
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2. what game would you like to be reincarnated in and why?
3. Last Game weapon you used is your weapon in the upcoming zombie apocalypse what is it?

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1. Action RPG
2. Zenonia 4, because it's my ideal hack-n-slash game.
3. Hero Sword



EXTREME ACTION RPG

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1. Action/Tactical RPG
2. Persona Series, coz I came from
3. Nameless Nothingness from The Last Story



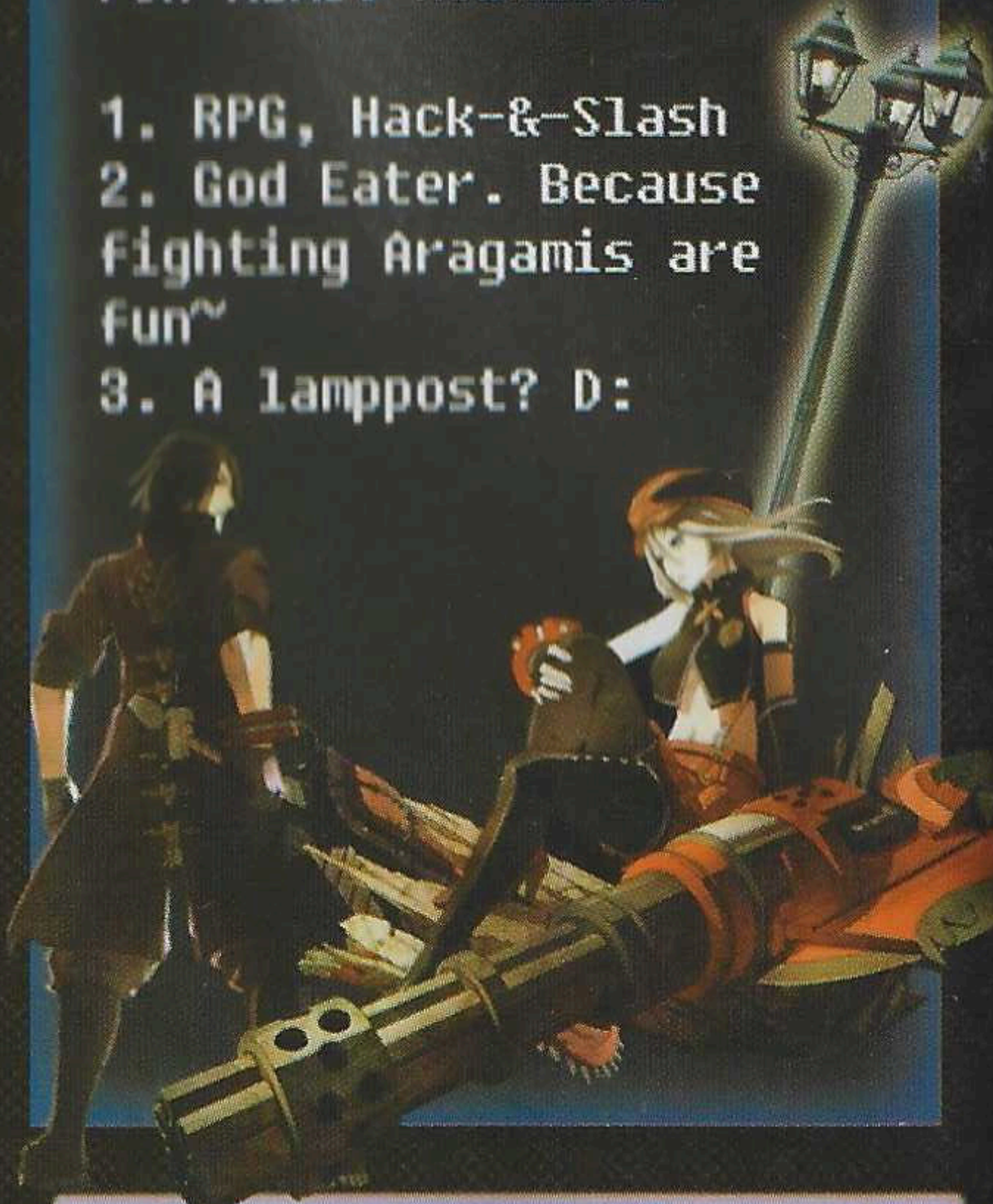
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1. Action Based RPG / Puzzle
2. Metroid, exploring the vast universe as a bounty hunter. Full of action
3. The Master Sword From Legend of Zelda



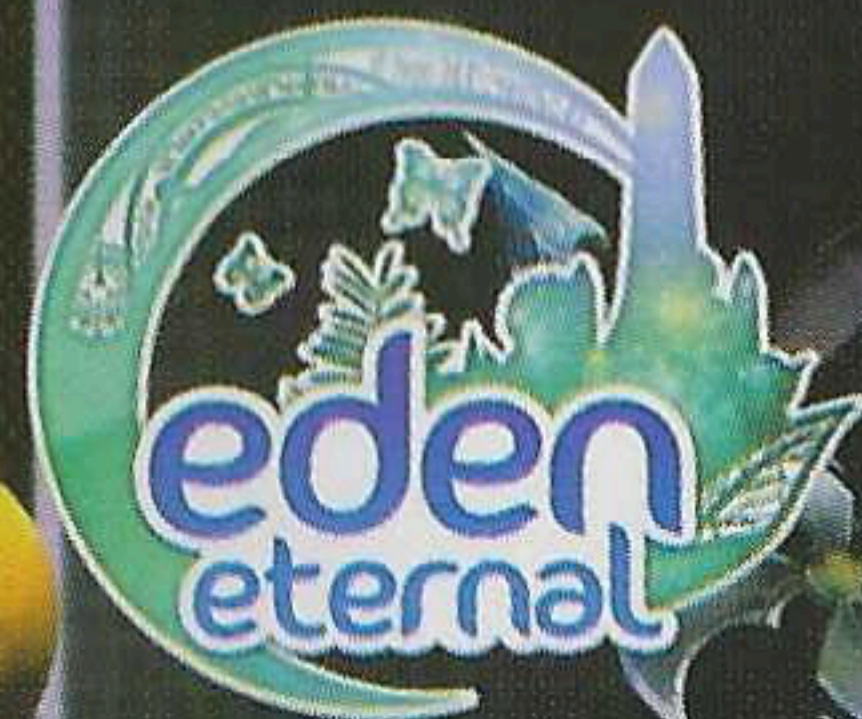
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1. RPG, Hack-&-Slash
2. God Eater. Because Fighting Aragamis are fun~
3. A lamppost? D:



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1. RPG
2. Eden Eternal. There's so much you can do in the game and everyone seems friendly.
3. Arm Blade. From Talon (League of Legends)



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